

Lesson 102 Celebrate. 8-29-2012

This week the Lord said this on:

08/28/12 CT – Celebrate. Celebrate in holiness. Celebrate in humility. Gather together and remember that I AM there with you. Elevate your character. Be the best you can be.

And then last month the Lord encouraged us to celebrate as well. He said it like this:

07/23/12 CT – Celebrate the seasons, celebrate the season of learning, celebrate the season of forgiveness, celebrate the season of compassion, celebrate the season of healing. Yes, celebrate all the seasons. Now is the time to learn, now is the time to grow. Grow in Me. Grow in wisdom and knowledge. Ask and you shall receive. Pay attention, pay attention to all I AM giving. Pay attention and learn from it. Put 2 and 2 together. Join the pieces, however, you can't join the pieces together if you never review them, if you never look at them. Take the time to study the pieces. They form a picture and it is a picture of My plan, My love for you, act it out. Remember faith without works is dead. Have life and have it abundantly with Me. Celebrate and act. That is all for now.

All the words above brought the Lord's Holy Days to mind, particularly when the Lord said, **Celebrate the seasons**. I guess this is because His Holy Days remind us of forgiveness and mercy, safekeeping and healing, compassion and more. His Holy Days are definitely seasons to be celebrated just as He mentioned in the words above. **Celebrate the seasons, celebrate the season of learning, celebrate the season of forgiveness, celebrate the season of compassion, celebrate the season of healing. Yes, celebrate all the seasons.**

I do, however, think the word "celebrate" throws us off sometimes. I think this is because we tend to think of celebrating as partying. The definition of **celebrate is to observe or commemorate with ceremonies, to make known, to publicly proclaim, to perform with appropriate rites and ceremonies** and yes one of the definitions is **to have or to participate in a party**. But in this instance I think the Lord is saying something more like, **to observe and perform the appropriate rites** of the season, **to observe and perform** the season of learning, **to observe and perform** the season of forgiveness, etc, etc, etc.

This, however, is not the first time that the Lord has reminded us of His Holy Days. He has mentioned them before. Furthermore, in the words above from the 23rd, the Lord also encouraged us to **put 2 and 2 together**. In fact He said that we should **join the pieces together**. Therefore, here are some additional words that relate to the Lord's Holy Days, that have been given over the years. I pulled them from our flow book.

You may remember this from Lesson 19:

08/08/2010 MEETING: PRESENT – I AM, Bob and Cindy

Ceremonies for royalty; King of King; Honor and Respect.

Why does the world neglect Me and what I have set forth? Remember My ceremonies which I and I alone set forth. Observe these as a demonstration of respect and love. Study your calendar so that My days do not get past you. These are important times to be obedient. All the steps you take are important; the small as well as the large. Remember it is My calendar you are to follow, not man's. I keep things simple. This is not so with the traditions of man. Follow what I set out in My word. This is your assignment. Know My calendar. Do what is necessary to know My calendar and to observe it! Amen.

These words from the meeting of 08/08/2010 were received before we were familiar with the Lord's calendar. They prompted us to begin studying His calendar. After study we realized that quite a few of His Holy Days were about to come up. This made receipt of these words truly amazing because not only were they making us aware of the Lord's Holy days, His calendar, but they also provided the stimulus needed for us to begin to observe them.

They are confirmation that the Lord does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He spoke to His people in the days of old and He continues speaking in this day, in this time, just as He spoke on 07/23/2012. The Lord does not change because He is perfect. And in His perfection He is reminding us to **Celebrate the seasons**. But I got sidetracked. Let's get back to **putting 2 and 2 together, joining the pieces together**, by reviewing all He has given as it relates to His Holy Days. We just got through the reading words from 08/08/2010. Let's go on to this:

09/05/2010 CT - You are vessels of The Lord. Fill your vessel with my blood. Fill your vessel with my love. Fill your vessel with me. Holy Days are ahead. Fill yourself, your whole self with me; your heart, soul and spirit with me. Think of all that has been done for you. Think of the detail that went into creation. Review all that is, was and ever shall be. My vessels will be used. They will not be put away like some people's fine china only to be brought out on special occasions. My vessels are used in daily life. Be vessels worthy of your master.

Take this time of remembrance and reflection to learn and grow so that you can be all that I would have you to be. Bring it all to me. Seek me out with your questions as I will always be there. Grow and gain in stature My servants. Use all that you are given wisely and in My name including Me in you (elements mixing, joining together as it should be). Another year is beginning, continue growing and learning in Me. Don't forget how important your words are. Use them with Me in mind. Amen

(When He mentioned stature He pointed out that **this is not about man's idea of stature, but God's idea.**)

09/24/2010 BT - From the Holy Spirit

The Lord told Bob this in his gut **that when he/we are obedient to observe The Lord's calendar that He is going to help him get done what he is to get done even though he has to take days off from work. "You take care of my business and I will take care of yours."**

09/26/2010 CT - The Lord revealed to me today that my recent dreams of SD and then of me being bitten by a snake were warnings that the devil is very angry with BT and I for **being obedient to The Lord (following His calendar**, etc). He showed me the seriousness of the battle we are fighting. (It is a battle going on in the spiritual realm.) We need to take extra precautions to ensure we don't open any doors to the enemy because he will strike if he gets the chance. And then these words went along with the revelation that the Lord had just given:

9/26/2010 CT MEETING: PRESENT - I AM, Bob and Cindy

Heavenly choruses, singing, understanding increases. You are in a battle and all of your actions are important. There is no day or time when sinful acts are okay. It is as if you are a knight (always noble, a servant and a warrior) except you are battling in the spirit realm. Be aware of your actions and the effect they have (good versus evil). You are always "up to bat". It is good to know and understand the importance of your actions. This knowledge will help you make the right decisions, but you had to grow to this knowledge and now you are ready for it. There is a great responsibility in knowledge and following through with it, but you are now ready for this responsibility. (Learning opportunities occurred and you learned from them - gold tested and refined). Amen.

From this you can see the seriousness associated with following after all that the Lord has given, including His calendar. But He has also taught lessons as they relate to specific days as well. For example,

04/26/08 CT – Passover not only symbolic of Jesus, but also symbolic of end time protections for those who are obedient to the Lord. Last plague prevented by blood over door. End time "plague" protection; similar/like putting blood over door. This is the reason for remembering and celebrating Passover. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Obviously, this message did not entirely sink in because the Lord is still talking to us about His calendar. Remember on 08/28/12 He said this, **Celebrate. Celebrate in holiness.**

Celebrate in humility. Gather together and remember that I AM there with you. Elevate your character. Be the best you can be.

So the first major holy day coming up at this point on the calendar is the Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah. It will begin at sundown on Sunday, September 16th, 2012, and it will last until sundown the next day (17th). No customary work should be done on Monday, September 17th, 2012 as it is a holy convocation day of the Lord.

Feast of Trumpets Rosh Hashanah Begins Sundown 9/16/12 – Sundown 9/17/12

Leviticus 23: 23-25

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.’”

Rosh Hashanah marks the New Year on the Hebrew Calendar. It is a remembrance of creation. No mention of sacrifices is made other than saying an offering shall be made by fire to the Lord. The Lord kept this feast simple. Just as He said in the words from 08/08/2010.

The Lord said, **Remember it is My calendar you are to follow, not man’s. I keep things simple. This is not so with the traditions of man. Follow what I set out in My word.**

Thus for this holy day the Lord simply directs His people to do no work and to have a memorial blowing of the trumpets, as well as the aforementioned offering by fire. However, when we compare that to the traditions established by man for Rosh Hashanah, well, let’s just say you can see a definite difference.

For example here are a few of the Traditions established by Men for Rosh Hashanah:

Rosh Hashanah – Examples of the Traditions of Men (not simple)

- 1: Visit the cemetery- the graves of the righteous and pray there.
- 2: Ladies light a candle and recite words:
- 3: Then all recite words:
- 4: A blessing is offered. This is called Kiddush.
- 5: Meal – bread, honey, apple, the head of an animal, and a pomegranate
- 6: Go to a flowing body of water and symbolically cast off their sins

After reading the instructions from God for this day as given in **Leviticus 23:23-25** and then comparing them to the traditions of men (as listed above) well, you can see how man complicates what God sets forth. The Lord’s plan is simple. It is not complicated. Man’s plan, however, is not simple. It is a very involved plan.

Rosh Hashanah, as mentioned previously, is noted as the “New Year” on the Hebrew Calendar. And interestingly enough Rosh Hashanah does have one similarity to our “New Year’s” festivities. And that similarity is resolutions. We always like to make our “New Year’s Resolutions” don’t we? We pause for a moment and think about what we would like to be different in the New Year and then we make a resolution. Likewise, Rosh Hashanah, is a time for introspection as well. We are to look back at the mistakes of the past year and we are to plan the changes we will make to alleviate them in this New Year.

It is important to note that Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish high holy days and the ten days of repentance. A holy convocation (**a holy meeting**) is to be held. The shofar is to be blown (representing the calling for repentance from sins) and an offering is to be made. Therefore, it is a solemn day of soul searching, yet it is also a joyous day as well because of God’s wondrous gift of mercy; which we receive through Christ our Lord. It is His offering we have accepted. He paid the price for us. He made atonement for us.

According to the Lord’s word, Rosh Hashanah, is to be observed on the first day of the month of Tishri. However, currently in many places, it is celebrate as two days. This custom of

celebrating over two days initially started because messengers would not be dispatched on the holiday itself but more importantly it has to do with the new moon. Everyone did not know whether a new moon had been observed or not, therefore it was decided to celebrate for two days. These verses from Psalm 81 show the importance of the moon in regards to this feast. **Psalm 81:3-4** *Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.*

Nonetheless, celebrating for two days is a custom of man. The Lord only called for one day as demonstrated in this passage below:

Numbers 29:1-6 *'And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you it is a day of blowing the trumpets. You shall offer a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the LORD: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish. Their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, to make atonement for you; besides the burnt offering with its grain offering for the New Moon, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offering, according to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

Some believe that Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of the day the world was created. However, there is a dispute between this day and the first day of Nissan. The day which signaled Israel's release from Egypt. Nevertheless, one of the most important things to remember in regards to this day, as well as the other feast days of the Lord, is this that He established these as a statute forever. He said it like this: *it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*

And now let's take a closer look at the next holy day coming up on the calendar.

Day of Atonement Yom Kippur Begins sundown 9/25/12 ends sundown 9/26/12

In **Leviticus 23: 27** The Lord spoke to Moses and said, *Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.*

The Lord declares this to be a statute forever. It is a solemn day of rest. Consequently, Yom Kippur is a day set aside for fasting (*afflicting your souls*), depriving oneself of pleasure and repenting from our sins of the previous year. More detail is provided in these passages regarding this holy day:

Leviticus 16:1-16 *Now the Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered profane fire before the Lord, and died; and the Lord said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat. Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with the blood of a young bull as a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt offering. He shall put the holy linen tunic and the linen trousers on his body; he shall be girded with a linen sash, and with the linen turban he shall be attired. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his body in water, and put them on. And he shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats as a sin offering, and one ram as a burnt offering. "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats: one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat on which the Lord's lot fell, and offer it as a sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat into the wilderness.*

"And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin offering which is for himself. Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die.

He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat. So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

Numbers 29:7-11 *'On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work. You shall present a burnt offering to the Lord as a sweet aroma: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram, and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; also one kid of the goats as a sin offering, besides the sin offering for atonement, the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.*

These verses speak of history. They speak of a time when the Lord forgave the Jewish people for making the Golden Calf. Forty days previous to that they were given the Ten Commandments, one of which says, *"you shall not make for yourself a graven image."* Moses spent nearly three months on top of the mountain pleading with the Lord for forgiveness. The Lord forgave them on this day. Therefore, it has become known as the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur.

From these passages we also saw that blood had to be spilled to make atonement for sin. We understand that this was a foreshadowing of Christ's sacrifice as explained here: **Hebrew 9:11-15** *But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

Therefore Christ has become the sacrifice. It is His blood that is making atonement for us, no longer the blood of goats or calves. It is His sacrifice. This is the sacrifice we should be remembering as we are reflecting over this past year, as when we venture forth in our observance of Yom Kippur. And yes, while it is true that we no longer are required to sacrifice animals because the perfect sacrifice has already been made, we should in no way cease to observe that which the Lord has established, that which He declared that *it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*

Thus from our standpoint, Yom Kippur, is not only a day of remembrance and reflection of the past, but it is also a reminder of the sacrifice Christ made for us for the forgiveness of our sins. It should very well indeed be your most solemn day of the year.

Remember, it is a holy day to be characterized by mourning, fasting and repentance. It is the day we confess our sins but it is also a joyful day because we are confident that God will forgive our sins and seal our verdict for a year.

Feast of Tabernacles Sukkot Begins sundown 9/30/12 ends sundown 10/07/12

The Lord spoke to Moses and established the Feast of Tabernacles.

Leviticus 23:34 *“Speak to the children of Israel saying: “The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord.*

He declared that there should be no work done on the first day. An offering is to be made by fire for seven days.

35-36a *On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it. For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD...*

You shall gather fruit of the land and keep the feast.

39-42 *‘Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a Sabbath rest, and on the eighth day a Sabbath rest. And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days. You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. “You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelities shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”*

Hence the Feast of Tabernacles is not only a reminder of the Israelites deliverance from Egypt, their wandering through the desert for forty years, their living in tents, all as the Lord led them to the “promised land”. However, it also reminds us of the deliverance, shelter and guidance we receive from the Lord today in our time. Sukkot is most definitely a celebration of the way the Lord takes special care to provide for us, just as He provided for the Israelites under impossible conditions. Therefore just as mentioned above, it is also a time of rejoicing for all the Lord has done.

It should also be noted that Jesus observed the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. He went up to the temple and taught about following after the will of the Father. He said this in:

John 7:16-18 *“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.”*

Jesus was obedient unto the Lord. He observed this day.

And the prophet Zechariah speaks of Feast of Tabernacles in end times, in the Day of the Lord.

Zechariah 14:16-19 *And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the **Feast of Tabernacles**. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.*

The Lord declared that the Feast of Tabernacles *shall be a statute forever* and there will be punishment for the lack of its observance. Now is the time to learn His ways. Now is the time to **Pay attention, pay attention to all I AM giving**.

Last Great Day Shemini Atzeret Begins sundown 10/07/2012 ends sundown 10/08/12

The Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day are celebrated together. These not only teach us of living in God's will and the deliverance, shelter and guidance He provides but they also teach us that we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth, looking forward to a New Heavens and New Earth wherein righteousness dwells. The Last Great Day is symbolic of the time when humanity will be resurrected.

Leviticus 23:36 *'For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.*

Therefore, like the other feast days we are to do no customary work on this last great day (the 8th day) and we are to meet with the Lord as well.

Summary

The Lord said, **These are important times to be obedient. All the steps you take are important; the small as well as the large. Know My calendar.** He asked us to Pay attention, pay attention to all I AM giving. Pay attention and learn from it. Put 2 and 2 together. Join the pieces, however, you can't join the pieces together if you never review them, if you never look at them. Take the time to study the pieces. They form a picture and it is a picture of My plan...

This week He added:

08/23/12 MEETING:

BT – You are blessed. You are called. Come forth My children. Come unto Me. Learn My ways and become My people. I protect My Own. This is a legal matter. Remove the three spots I have revealed. Come into covenant with Me....

Focus on Me and My ways and we will become one. One in plan, one in deed, united with My Father. Hallelujah!

Now is the time to Celebrate the seasons, celebrate the season of learning, celebrate the season of forgiveness, celebrate the season of compassion, celebrate the season of healing. Yes, celebrate all the seasons.

08/28/12 CT - Celebrate. Celebrate in holiness. Celebrate in humility. Gather together and remember that I AM there with you. Elevate your character. Be the best you can be.

Colossians 2:6-10 *As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

Now is the time for us to put the pieces together, to remember all He has taught, all He has said. Now is the time to remember and observe His calendar. And the Lord said,

Oh that you would hear My voice, from the waters of the fountain of a pen. Oh that you could hear the sound of that fountain. Can you hear? Am I not God? I say, 'Come.' I call you to My ways and My calendar of events. The church in the world has its calendar and I have Mine.

May the Lord Bless and Keep You, Cindy

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