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THE FEASTS OF TABERNACLES
SUKKOT – PART 7

Yesterday's article spoke of the high priest's walk carrying a vessel from the Temple to the Pool of Siloam in Bethlehem to draw water to be poured out at the Temple's altar. We told how the people would follow him rejoicing and singing. Today, the fifth day of living in their sukkot (booth, hut) we consider what they were singing.

They sang the written word of God, specifically Psalms 113, 114, 115, 116, and 117. A "psalm" is a "song" to be either sung musically or chanted in unison. If these five psalms were important enough for them to memorize for this feast and celebration, perhaps we should at least read them closely. Therefore, I will just touch a highlight from each one of them and leave the full reading of these five for you to study.

Psalm 113:3, ***"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."*** Praise Him throughout the day. There is power in praise. Verses 7-8 ***"He ariseth up (even) the poor...that He may set him with princes..."*** It is prophetic because through Yeshuah we are made princes in the kingdom of heaven as we are being groomed as priestly Kings in the future kingdom of Messiah Yeshuah.

Psalm 114 speaks of the miraculous works of God's deliverance from Egypt into Canaan. Verse 3 says, ***"The (Red) Sea saw it and fled (parted). Jordan (river) was driven back (parted)"***. As they crossed each on a dry sea/riverbed, miracles were to ever be remembered.

Psalm 115:11 SAYS, ***"Ye that fear (reverence) the LORD...He is their (your) help and their shield (protection)"***. Verse 13 says, ***"He will bless them that (in awe) fear the LORD..."***

Psalm 116:10-13, ***"...I was greatly afflicted (tests and trials) ... (yet) I will take the cup of salvation (Yeshuah) and call upon the name of the LORD."*** The English word for "salvation" here is the Hebrew word "Yeshuah." Can we "drink the cup of affliction" which Jesus (Yeshuah) bore? "Yeshuah" (Jesus' name) can be translated as "salvation" or as "safety" and we find both of these in Jesus. This is a prophetic passage they are singing, whether or not they realize it. Verse 15 says, ***"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."*** God and all of heaven await our glorious entrance when we depart this world.

Psalm 117:1-2 says, ***"O praise the LORD...all ye people for His kindness... and the truth of the LORD endureth forever."***

If you should desire to memorize an entire chapter of the Bible, you might choose Psalm 117... both verses (smile 😊).

As you read through these five special psalms, I suggest that you ponder the statement of Psalm 116:1 as you read it where it says, ***"I love the LORD because..."*** and start filling in the reasons. It will bless you.