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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES PART 1

SUKKOT

Today is the last God-ordained biblical feast of the Jewish religious calendar. It is the Feast of Tabernacles which began at sundown last night. The Jews call it Sukkot. They also refer to it as the Feast of Booths and the Feast of Rejoicing. They rejoice because God's presence dwelled on earth among them, initially in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and later in the Temple in Jerusalem.

We can celebrate it because Jesus, God in the flesh, dwelled among us on earth for thirty-three and a half years. We further celebrate because Jesus now tabernacles within us by Holy Spirit. We also look by prophecy into the future when He will again tabernacle on earth during His millennial reign. This gives us, as Christians, reason to understand and celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

However, we do not need to celebrate it in the same manner as the Jews. Our celebration should be simply to meditate upon the word and the fact of his dwelling with us and within us.

The biblical Jewish celebration is an eight-day event starting today. Due to its significance to us as Christ-followers, we will continue to talk more about Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, in our next message.