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SERMON NOTES

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EARTHLY TABERNACLES TO ETERNAL BUILDINGS
NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE (PART VI)

The 7 Festivals of the Lord

1. **Passover - Leviticus 23:4–5**
2. **The Feast of Unleavened Bread - Leviticus 23:6-8**
3. **The Feast of First Fruits - Leviticus 23:10–14**
4. **The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost - Leviticus 23:15–22**
5. **The Feast of Trumpets - Leviticus 23:23-25**
6. **The Day of Atonement - Leviticus 23:26–32**
7. **The Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) - Leviticus 23:33-43**

1. **The Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:34, 36**
   - God instructed Israel to observe the Feast of Tabernacles as a time of celebration and remembrance.
   - The people lived in temporary shelters to remember their journey through the wilderness and God's provision.
   - The feast pointed to God's faithfulness throughout their earthly journey.
2. **Our Earthly Tabernacle**
   - We desire to be clothed in our immortal, eternal, celestial dwelling rather than remain in our temporary earthly condition. - **2 Corinthians 5:1–3**
   - Jesus, the Word made flesh, came and dwelt among us. - **John 1:14 / 2:20–21**
   - Our bodies are temporary, but our eternal hope is found in Christ.
3. **God's Immortality vs. Our Mortality**
   - God's Immortality (**Psalm 90:1–2**): God is everlasting, from eternity to eternity. He is our dwelling place throughout every generation.
   - Our Mortality (**Psalm 90:3–6**): Human life is temporary. We return to the dust, and our lives are like grass that flourishes and fades.
   - God's Eternal Nature: Unlike humanity, God has no beginning or end.
4. **The Brevity and Seasons of Life**
   - Brevity of Life: A thousand years are like yesterday to God (**Psalm 90:4**).
   - Our Times: Our lives and seasons are in God's hands (**Psalm 31:15**).
   - Seasons: There is a time and purpose for every season of life (**Ecclesiastes 3:1–2**).
   - God's Timing: God makes everything beautiful in its time (**Ecclesiastes 3:11**).
5. **Understanding the Shortness of Life**
   - A Tale (**Psalm 90:9–10**): Our years pass quickly, like a story that is soon finished.
   - A Vapor (**James 4:14**): Life is like a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
   - A Pilgrimage (**Genesis 47:9**): Our earthly journey is a temporary pilgrimage.
   - Cut off (**Psalm 90:10**): Human life has limitations, and our days eventually come to an end.
   - Life is short, so we must live with eternity in mind.

6. **Teach Us to Number Our Days**
   - Teach Us (**Psalm 90:12**): Ask God for wisdom to recognize the value of our time and live purposefully.
   - Know Our Limits (**Psalm 39:4–5**): Understand that our days are limited and our lives are brief.
   - Strangers and Pilgrims (**1 Peter 2:11**): We are temporary residents on earth, called to live differently from the world.
   - Remember (**Leviticus 23:43**): The Feast of Tabernacles reminded Israel of their wilderness journey and how God brought them out of Egypt.
   - We are pilgrims on earth, called to live wisely while preparing for eternity.
7. **The Millennial Celebration**
   - Celebration (**Leviticus 23:40**): The Feast of Tabernacles was a time of rejoicing before the Lord.
   - A Great Multitude (**Revelation 7:9**): John saw a multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language standing before God's throne.
   - Salvation and Worship (**Revelation 7:10**): The multitude praised God and the Lamb for salvation.
   - The earthly celebration points us toward the future gathering of God's redeemed people in worship and victory.
8. **The Eighth Day: Eternal Celebration**
   - God Dwelling With Us (**Revelation 21:3**): God will dwell with His people, and they will be His people.
   - Immanuel (**Matthew 1:23**): God with us.
   - The Kingdom of God (**Mark 1:15**): Jesus proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand.
   - All Things in Christ (**Ephesians 1:10**): God's plan is to bring all things together in Christ.
   - Eternal Dwelling (**John 14:2–3**): Jesus promised to prepare a place for His people and return to receive them.
   - The ultimate fulfillment is eternal fellowship with God, where He will dwell with His people forever.