

## 'NEW LIFE HEALING CENTRE'

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& Purpose for your life*

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### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

During this special time, 'God's Season' beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah, leading us into The Ten Days of Awe and The Day of Atonement. 'The Feast of Tabernacles' concludes the final, and for us today, the most significant feast of the entire year, too important to go undetected or uncelebrated.

*Duet. 16 v 16 - "Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place He will choose; at the Feast of Unleavened Bread (PASSOVER) – The Feast of Weeks (PENTECOST) and the Feast of Tabernacles. No one should appear before me empty handed".*

Some important facts to consider. These are God's festivals not to be ignored and God calls us to bring an offering. "*Do not appear to Me empty handed*". This is Old Testament teaching. YES. However, Jesus himself, the disciples, Paul and the early church, all celebrated the feasts. If they did, surely should we. God also states that these 3 festivals were to be observed '*throughout all generations*' - *Leviticus 23* declares that all of these 'Feasts' are to be observed throughout all generations. The Bible tells us on all occasions this is to be a lasting ordinance for all generations to come wherever you live. **God's appointed Feasts!** Not man's!

Why is the Feast of Tabernacles important for us as believers today? Through our union with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour we are connected to the Jewish Faith of the Bible. Their God becomes Our God in Christ, therefore we are able to join in these feasts. At our Easter Time we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, foretold in the Old Testament as the events of Passover becoming under God's instructions, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, these events which are portrayed in this festival was all fulfilled in Jesus Christ, 'The Passover Lamb', sacrificed for the sin of mankind.

The Jewish people then went on to celebrate the Feast of Weeks, a festival we now call 'Pentecost'. Jesus having ascended into heaven, seated at the Right Hand of the Father sends on this day 'The Power of the Holy Spirit' upon the believers. This festival has also been fulfilled in the form of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit's Power into us today as believers.

We now come to the Feast of Tabernacles and to its importance to us. The Feast of Tabernacles has hidden in its format which takes us forward to the time when Jesus returns to earth to begin His 1000 year reign on earth. Jesus has already totally fulfilled the first two Festivals which God has told us to celebrate. Therefore it is reasonable to understand that Christ will, in the fullness of time, equally fulfil the Feast of Tabernacles. If we are able to understand completely, this should also help us to become thankful and rejoice in His presence for what is before us.

We are also made aware that as we honour and celebrate this Feast it releases God's abundant blessings upon our lives in such a way that we as believers become very much aware of His activity in our lives. Why should God's blessings in our lives go unnoticed? Why should we not ascribe our thanks to Him by recognising HOW HE IS BLESSING US? God's promise to us as we bring to Him our specific set-aside offering for this time is that of God's protection and provision throughout the season. That of health, well-being, fulfilment of days on earth, restoration, special intervention of miracles, His presence and favour, and blessings on your family.

*Exodus 23 v 20ff and Joel 2* speaks of these when you bring an offering to God at these appointed times. Let me also add that when you bring a special offering to God at a certain time you are then able to look for Him and as things work out in your life you can see Him at work. Isn't that wonderful. As you see God at work in the whole of your life, blessing, guiding, protecting, providing, and empowering you to deal with all that life brings and through it all 'acknowledging Who He is'. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. **Hallelujah**. He is reigning now on High. **Hallelujah**. I would encourage you in honouring God to bring your offering, and don't appear before Him empty-handed. In Jesus Name . . . AMEN.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 10.30am – Opening Service, focusing on HEAVEN. A place where we would all choose to go. "Am I? Will I? If in doubt or you would like to learn more of this wonderful place, don't stay at home, come and learn more.**