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COME to the Feast of Tabernacles!

*This year it is MOST important that you attend God's Festival.
Here are factors you need to understand!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

DO you REALLY intend to escape the horrifying, soon-coming TRIBULATION? What fruits show that you are *already* OVERCOMING—being made *perfect* in loving, fervent, *obedience* to your Maker—without having to go through this coming time of trial and testing?

Brethren, we don't have much longer to wait! NOW is the time to *grow* more like Jesus Christ. NOW is the time to *walk* with Him—*talk* with Him—worship Him *in SPIRIT and in TRUTH*!

And Christ **COMMANDS** you, personally, to **COME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES**!

For YOUR Good

Most of you older brethren know that—according to the time cycles of prophecy God has revealed to His Church—we only have about *ten more years* in which to complete our work before the Tribulation begins. And even this time may be CUT SHORT!

More than ever, you **NEED** the fellowship of your brethren! Most of all, you need the fellowship of **GOD**! And the very *presence* of the Father and of Christ is in His Festivals in a very **SPECIAL** way!

All who have regularly attended the Feast of Tabernacles know this. They have *experienced* the fact that certain

points were brought out—and certain lessons were learned by *living* and *worshipping* with God's people—that simply **WOULD NOT** have been learned any other way!

Thousands of you scattered brethren receive *personal counsel* and *instruction* from God's chosen ministers **ONLY** when you attend God's Festivals. For you, attending the Feast of Tabernacles is a **MUST** for this reason alone!

Attending the Feast is a means of developing God's very **CHARACTER** in you. You need to **PROVE** to God that obedience to Him is **FIRST** in your life!

Who do you think you are "kidding"?

If you simply *won't* exert the effort and exercise the self-discipline to attend God's Festival **NOW**, why should He suppose that you **DO** put His Kingdom first?

In *your Bible*, in Zechariah 14:16-19, God declares He is going to **PUNISH** Egypt or any other nation that *dares* to *stay away* from the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium! It is so important to God that He is going to *intervene in the weather patterns* and send a terrible *drought* if they won't come. Then, if they *still* refuse, God is going to send a horrifying **PLAGUE** on those who refuse to attend (verse 18).

God **MEANS BUSINESS**! And He

says: "For I am the Lord, *I change not*" (Mal. 3:6).

With the end of this age approaching, with prophecies being *rapidly* fulfilled, you should see more than ever the great **NEED** to attend the Feast of Tabernacles this year for **YOUR GOOD**.

More BLESSINGS this Year!

This year there will be more special attractions and blessings for those who attend the Feast of Tabernacles than ever before.

Most of you brethren in the United States have heard about the wonderful location God has opened up to His Church for use of the West Coast brethren for observance of the Feast of Tabernacles. Squaw Valley—the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics—is one of the prime tourist attractions in America today. Situated at 6200 feet altitude, only three or four miles from famous Lake Tahoe, it is one of the most beautiful and rewarding spots on earth. I have been there and I **KNOW**! The opportunities to *rejoice* before God which He commands us to do at His Feast are almost unlimited in this wonderful location.

The facilities for swimming, horseback riding, hiking, fishing and hunting, and just drinking in the *natural beauty* of God's creation would be hard to beat

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anywhere else on earth.

Although the crowd will not be as large as it was — and is to be this year — at Gladewater, the opportunities for *personal fellowship* with most of those present will be increased because of the more intimate atmosphere. It will seem like “old times” to many of the brethren who attended the wonderful Feasts we used to have in the beautiful resort area at Belknap Springs, Oregon.

At Gladewater, Texas, this year additional recreational facilities for *swimming, horseback riding and softball games* are being arranged. Also, more efficient and enjoyable *children's activities* are being planned to take care of the children during the afternoons and give parents an opportunity for relaxation.

Also, the *Ambassador Chorale* — plus many other students — will be at Gladewater and present over again their splendid recital of last spring, including a special light opera type of production entitled, “*The Gay Nineties*.” You will really *enjoy* yourself at God's Festival at Gladewater this year!

The brethren in England this year should have their greatest Feast ever now that the new churches established last summer are completely “of age.” Also, with both Mr. Dennis Peabworth and Miss Janet Barnett, outstanding pianists sent over from Pasadena at the college this year, there should be many a musical treat in store both in the services and in special musical performances at the Feast of Tabernacles.

A New Pastor for Australia

In Australia, the tremendous growth in the Church there will certainly be noticed in the attendance at God's Festival this fall! Besides these new faces — and those of several of our leaders and associate ministers sent within the last few months from Pasadena — the Australian brethren will have the added blessing of having Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole in attendance and hearing Mr. Cole's inspiring and powerful sermons during the Feast.

Mr. Cole, along with Mr. Waterhouse, is one of our pastor rank ministers in God's Church. In fact, he is the *senior* minister holding this rank in the Church of God today. It is a real pleasure to announce that he and his family are being sent to Australia to take over the entire work there, and to replace Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Longuskie who are being sent to South Africa on a most important and possibly dangerous mission of raising up a church and an office in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Longuskie have been selected for this assignment because they have had *more experience* in building up foreign offices and churches than any other “team” in the Church of God today. They have done a splendid job in Australia which will long be remembered and appreciated deeply by the brethren there. But now, because of their lack of family encumbrances and their unusual experience in this field — CHRIST has selected them to undertake the vital mission of *establishing* the work of Christ's Church in the nation of South Africa before it is too late! As you brethren well know, here is one of the last remaining areas of “Israel” that we are not directly reaching through a local office and local churches. Let us *earnestly and fervently* PRAY to Almighty God to bless and guide Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Longuskie in this key mission to which they are now called. But — getting back to the Feast — the brethren in Australia can certainly REJOICE this year not only in their increased numbers and growth, and Mr. Waterhouse and the associate pastors sent to help him — but that Mr. Cole also will be joining them in the wonderful, spiritual Feast to be held this fall in the “Land Down Under”!

This one great Feast pictures our great FUTURE — the soon-coming Millennial rule of Jesus Christ on this earth, and the great *harvest* of souls which will take place at that time. If you plan to be in this coming government of Christ, He commands you to be *with and part of* God's people at this Feast! And the BLESSING will be all yours for attending!

Have You the Money?

Except for the comparatively few who have recently been baptized and haven't understood about God's Festivals, *every single one of you* should have SAVED a second tithe or tenth of your income — as God commands — to enable you to *keep and rejoice* in the Feast of Tabernacles. We have had many articles explaining this command in the past in the GOOD NEWS magazine. If any of you want further information on this, be sure to write us *immediately*.

But NOW, if any of you have *wrongly* “borrowed” from your second tithe or simply failed to save a full second tenth to attend God's Festivals — you should if at all possible *pay back* this tenth part of your income and OBEY God by attending His Feast of Tabernacles. If some of you newer brethren haven't understood about this command long enough or thoroughly enough to save this second tithe, then certainly God would *expect you* to use money from your regular income to attend IF it is at all possible and is not going to result in calamity for yourself or your family. The point is that Almighty God INTENDS that you be at His Festival!

There will be no miserable “excuses” accepted by Christ after He comes to personally lead us in keeping the Feast. We have already seen that revealed in Zechariah 14. And so — since Christ does not change, and since He is right NOW the living Head of the Church — *He will not accept any such excuses at this time either!* Unless illness or serious financial adversity would result from your attendance (and God knows what the situation *really is*), you should MAKE a way to attend the Feast of Tabernacles THIS YEAR! If you have genuine problems, write us about them immediately.

REJOICE at the Feast of Tabernacles!

Over and over again, God tells us that the Feast of Tabernacles is a time of *rejoicing!* It pictures the Millennial reign of Christ — the happy “World Tomorrow.”

Describing the *saving and use* of the second tithe, God tells us to bestow the tithe on good food and drink in a way that will cause us to REJOICE at His Feast (Deut. 14:21-27) God says: “And thou shalt bestow that money [the *second tithe*] for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after [margin, *rightly desires*], for *oxen*, or for *sheep*, or for *wine*, or for *strong drink*, or for whatsoever thy soul desires: and thou shalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt REJOICE, thou, and thine household,” (verse 26).

Commanding us to keep the Feast of
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How Does God Place His NAME?

Some members are wondering WHY a second place for the Feast of Tabernacles. A few are wondering HOW God placed His name in this location for brethren west of the Rockies. HOW does God place His name? This article will surprise you!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

SOME of you brethren have read of the recent selection of Squaw Valley, California, as a second location for the coming Feast of Tabernacles.

A few have wondered HOW God placed His name there!

Some have asked: "But I thought that Gladewater is the place where God has placed His name."

How Did God Choose Gladewater?

But brethren—let's be *sound*! Let's not be little children in knowledge—let's come to *really understand*!

Did Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hammer walk through the fields of East Texas and, all of a sudden, notice a brightly lit, shimmering, glistening area with the fiery, blazing name of GOD printed in the ground?

Did a County Clerk suddenly notice an eerie, mysterious, shining light on a record page, and, upon closer investigation, find that the name of God had somehow become imprinted in his records?

Did a Realtor nearly faint with surprise to find the signature of one of his land titles read "GOD"?

Sound ridiculous?

Well—if God didn't place His name *visibly*, either in the GROUND, or on the DEED, or in the official tract RECORDS—then exactly HOW DID He place His name there?

Many of you older brethren will remember that the Feast of Tabernacles had been held at beautiful Belknap Springs in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon for many years. Finally, Belknap Springs was completely outgrown.

As if by a miracle God opened a beautiful area in North-Central California, with all the facilities necessary for the Feast of Tabernacles.

A surprising, unprecedented number attended!

Seigler Springs in California was outgrown in one year!

Meanwhile, because of the nightly concentrated broadcasts over the super-power Mexican Radio Stations, more and more new brethren were being brought to Christ in the Southern and Mid-Western States. Baptizing teams were baptizing dozens and hundreds each year in these states.

As a result, the Spring Feast of Unleavened Bread had been held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer,

faithful brethren in Gladewater, Texas.

When Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong went to the Hammer home to conduct services during the Feast of Unleavened Bread in 1952 every room and hall was jam-packed with people! The Hammers' small home was simply filled!

Mr. Armstrong knew that the days of Unleavened Bread could not be observed ever again in the Hammer home! But there was nowhere else to go!

Searching East Texas

How well I remember, in the summer of 1952, when I was just barely out of the Navy, driving Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hammer over many parts of East Texas!

As a totally carnal-minded young man of 22 years of age, I had no interest nor concern about what they were doing at the time at all! I remember well how Mr. Hammer and Mr. Armstrong looked over old and dilapidated skating rinks, how they walked over acres and acres of chigger-infested East Texas woodlands and grasslands, looking for a suitable place to either lease or rent a building, erect a tent, or *build* a suitable place for the holding of the *Spring Festivals*!

Everything finally boiled down to only one alternative! Because of financial considerations, and because of Mr. Buck Hammer's willing and generous offer to *donate* a large tract of ground, there was only one thing that actually *could* be done! I also remember well, when Mr. Armstrong had our Architect, Mr. Norman Entwistle, *fly* to East Texas to look over the tract of ground donated by Mr. Hammer and the additional acreage purchased by the Church, for the erection of a building suitable for the Spring Feasts, that I scoffed, saying, "Dad, you don't have enough money to build a second-rate outbuilding, and here you are planning to build a huge Tabernacle building!"

Little did I even *begin* to realize then the great magnitude to which this work of God would grow—or that I would ever have a part in it!

Mr. Armstrong went ahead—in spite of the scoffing—ON FAITH!

The brethren responded, and the Tabernacle (now the Dining Hall) began to be erected. That first year, in the spring of 1953, only the center part of the first Tabernacle, now the Dining Hall, was

erected. Its sides were not enclosed.

Even though not completely "in" the building, and not totally protected from the weather, the days of Unleavened Bread were observed, *on schedule*, in this new building!

What About the Feast of Tabernacles?

In the meantime, Mr. Armstrong was wondering *where* they were going to hold the Feast of Tabernacles that fall. Mr. Armstrong and the other ministers began to realize most of the college students should be able to attend, and most of them could not afford to go any long distances. Hence, it was felt that the Feast of Tabernacles *had* to be observed somewhere close enough to the *college*, to permit all the students to attend—as well as all the other brethren!

During this time, even though the Tabernacle building was being erected near Gladewater, Mr. Armstrong didn't have the faintest idea that Gladewater was the place for the Feast of Tabernacles!

NO PLACE ever opened on the Pacific Coast! Even though looking up and down the lengths of Southern California, there was no place opened! God had closed all doors!

The realization began to dawn that there *was*—even though it seemed difficult to travel that far—a *place* for the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles!

God began to reveal to His servants that this place, on our own grounds, which had already been *deeded* in the very NAME of God, was in the *exact* geographical center of God's membership!

Through the impact of nightly broadcasts, and the baptizing of new members, God began to make plain that the Tabernacle grounds near Big Sandy, Texas, were, at that time, right in the heart of the most thickly populated area of God's own people!

It would be the *easiest* place for the MAJORITY of God's people to reach!

It was far enough *south* that there would be comparatively *good weather* during this season of the year!

There was already a building big enough to house a *large crowd* for the feast—and the building could be *enlarged*!

There were adequate hotels, motels, and, with almost unlimited camping facilities on the grounds, adequate hous-

ing for all! God had closed every other door. He had flung open this one!

There was nothing else God's ministers and people COULD do!

God was plainly "placing His name" for the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles on *His own grounds*, DEEDED in *His own name*, near Big Sandy, Texas!

All this is now history.

But do you begin to see, brethren? God *worked out circumstances* to make His will plain!

How God Reveals His Will

There are several direct ways by which Almighty God makes His will known to His faithful servants.

Either God shows His servants by direct, *specific scriptures* — in the Bible — of His direct will, or, He shows His will by a scripture which, even though it does not directly speak on a particular circumstance, nevertheless *applies in principle*!

Finally, God can reveal His will *through circumstances*!

Before the Bible was Written

Almighty God walked and talked with Adam, Enoch, and Noah. The God of the Old Testament, which is your very Saviour, the Jesus Christ of the New, talked *personally* with Abraham.

Before the Old Testament was written, the Eternal dealt with men *directly*.

Notice how God told Abraham to go to a *specific place* to offer Isaac. "And He said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of *Morlah*; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of" (Gen. 22:2). Abraham *could* have begun to REASON. He could have begun to *doubt*, become skeptical, to say, "Well, I don't see any reason in making such a difficult trip for such an unpleasant duty — *any* mountain or hill *right near here* is good enough — and after all, nearly all these mountains look exactly alike, anyhow!"

We can be eternally grateful to God that Abraham was NOT as STIFF-NECKED as some of US *today* — or we just wouldn't BE here! But Abraham was *obedient*! "And Abraham rose up early in the morning...and WENT unto the place of which God had told him" (Gen. 22:3).

What an example!

But what of some of you?

Mr. Armstrong's letter asked for advance information about attendance, about central registration, for part of your second tithe in advance to pay as a deposit. Did you brethren on the West Coast "rise up early" to *send* what you were asked by God's ministers? Yes — a shameful, pitiful *few*! Brethren — *how*

many of us are going to burn in Gehenna because we just can't seem to have our carnal, hostile, suspicious, rebellious natures crushed out of us?

May God *forgive* some of us — and make us more like Abraham, like David, like Christ Himself!

Yes, God talked directly to Abraham and His servants in the Old Testament. Today, He does not speak to men directly, but through His *Word*.

Later, God spoke to kings through His prophets, making plain what He required by messages inspired through dreams, visions or speaking directly to His own prophets.

What About the Apostles?

But how did God reveal His will in the New Testament times? How did the early apostles really come to KNOW God's intentions for THINGS NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED IN SCRIPTURE?

Remember, God makes known His will in various ways. He speaks DIRECTLY as He did to some of the Old Testament Patriarchs, or He causes an inspired servant of His to *apply* a written PRINCIPLE.

Notice a remarkable example in the New Testament!

Turn to Acts chapter 1. Peter is speaking. He has been explaining the necessity of ordaining another to apostle rank, to fill up the vacancy left by Judas Iscariot. After quoting several *scriptures* in his verbal discussion with the other ten apostles, Peter said, "For it is written in the book of the Psalms, 'Let his habitation be desolate and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick (overseer-ship) let another take'" (Acts 1:20).

After apparently quoting a literal passage, Peter then went on to say, "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, MUST ONE BE ORDAINED TO BE A WITNESS WITH US OF HIS RESURRECTION" (Acts 1:21-22).

But wait!

Did Peter understand the scripture correctly? Turn right now, in your own Bible, to the scriptures in the Old Testament Peter used so long ago. They read, "Let *their* habitation be desolate..." (Psalm 69:25) and, "...let another take his office" (Psalm 109:8).

Let's understand! Not in years of reasoning and study would it seem *logical* for any person to derive the *meaning* from these scriptures just quoted that Peter did! Would YOU have known these verses referred to Judas?

No! Of course not!

But Peter DID!

The *meaning* of these verses *literally* has to do with David's personal sufferings. But his sufferings were prophetic of those of Christ during His crucifixion.

Peter was directly inspired by God's Holy Spirit to apply the PRINCIPLE to a different set of circumstances!

God does *not* inspire *lay-members* through His Holy Spirit to directly use the Holy Scripture to APPLY certain scriptural *principles* to new and different sets of circumstances for the whole Church!

But this is *exactly* what God *does* inspire His true ministers to do!

Do you fully grasp the significance of this marvelous passage? The same Jesus Christ who had caused the Scriptures to be written by His prophets was now directly — PERSONALLY — *inspiring* one of His top ministers to see the application of the *principle* of these scriptures.

Peter did *not* have to contend with endless arguments from carnal-minded, doubting brethren! Even such an application of a scriptural principle as this was immediately accepted, because none of the apostles questioned the government of Almighty God, or the direct guidance and leadership of Jesus Christ, the true head of His Church!

Brethren! Let's begin to realize — once and for all — that Jesus Christ IS ALIVE THIS MOMENT! He is RISEN from death! His constant, diligent, active JOB is that of guiding, controlling, leading, RULING HIS CHURCH! He does it THROUGH human instruments!

WHY do some seem to doubt? Why do some — who really down deep KNOW where the very work of Christ is being carried out today — begin to believe God's Church is the government of MEN whenever that government doesn't satisfy their own *personal* desires.

It is because many are still carnal! Many are not really submissive to the government of their ruler, their master, their boss — Jesus Christ!

God Does Work Through Circumstances!

Mr. Armstrong has already explained, at length, how the many circumstances forced a decision on a second location for the Feast of Tabernacles this year. We were faced with an unbelievable project. A project involving the largest, hugest building of its type ever to be erected by man. A project of housing, of feeding, providing water, electricity, sewage and transportation for a HUGE CITY!

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IS ENOUGH TO POPULATE A LARGE CITY!

Yet, God in His love and careful guidance showed us another way! Think, brethren. Just a few weeks ago it looked
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RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Here is a special article you'll want to read!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

One of the most common SINS among God's people has always been griping, complaining—called “murmuring” in the Bible. This attitude of criticizing, finding fault, grumbling, is negative, unspiritual, and is a disease that produces unhappiness and loss of faith in the perpetrator, and great annoyance to others who hear it.

The cure is to set your mind in the opposite mood—that of GRATITUDE. Perhaps the most common sin in professing Christians is ingratitude—failure to be thankful—to count one's blessings.

When the children of Judah, without any weapons, began to march directly toward the onrushing three allied armies, just singing PRAISES TO GOD, the God they were praising began to win the battle for them. I have known many to be healed when they began to thank and praise God for it in advance. Count your *blessings*—get your mind on them—they are more and greater than you probably realize. This is the recipe for overcoming griping, and for finding happiness.

I have received thousands of happy, joyful letters expressing gratitude to God. But I have recently received one, from one of the Elders in God's Church, that was simply bursting with gratitude and joy over blessings piling up one on another. I thought it was a lesson in joy and happiness—and in the ATTITUDE of gratitude and happiness. Mr. Hoops could have found things to criticize and gripe about—had he looked hard enough for them, as many do. I thought this exuberant letter would bring a spiritual inspiration and experience to all of God's people. So we are reproducing it here, in full.

The Letter

DEAR MR. AND MRS. ARMSTRONG:

I don't think we have ever written you a long letter. Well, here is one...if it is too long just send it back and I'll summarize it for you and return it! But, we just cannot resist this. It seems that the blessings are overtaking us, are enveloping us and sometimes we are at a loss as to how to express our joy. Should we cry, laugh or what? We decided to share it with you!

The Akron church is simply bubbling over with excitement and gratitude. It seems God has loaded one blessing on top of another. Sometimes it is difficult to maintain emotional control, to prevent *explosions* of joy!

It all started to avalanche about the middle of May when the new DOUBLE

ENVOY came and we could see all the progress and growth in the students and others in the Work and the phenomenal growth in the Work itself too. Then on the heels of that blessing came another “blast” of joy...The Bible Story. So well done and in such good taste! We know how the people in the churches really profit from this because it is in language they can understand and is explained by the mind of a converted minister of God whom they can trust. As if that were not enough...

The next explosion (and we just about exploded with joy) was the new forty-page PLAIN TRUTH! Not only was it now increased in size but we could see in this issue the growth and advancement of many of the people...the men God Himself has hand-picked to assist in doing His precious Work! We also were glad to know that you were going to write the “Heart-to-Heart Talk With the Editor” again. We were inspired by the way the scoffers and accusers were *handled* by showing that they, in scoffing against the Work of God, condemn Christ Himself! But, was that all? No!

Then you came to Pittsburgh and gave us the marvelous news of the growth in England, the possibility of adding a whole university to the “list” of Ambassador Colleges. I remember several times you said that Ambassador College would eventually fill the whole world! That was a *prophecy* because we're seeing it fulfilled before our very eyes just as we're seeing the other prophecy being fulfilled all over the world.

Your sermon that Sabbath was very good for me. Even though it dealt with basic material, and subjects and points with which many of us had been familiar for years, it is always new and vibrant! I remember that day back in Colorado—it was the Sabbath. I had asked you to explain Galatians. All afternoon you explained it and when you were through I said it *dovetails*, it fits, it hasn't a hole in it anywhere. You had made the TRUTH so plain.

But, this sermon you gave in Pittsburgh was especially good to me because I was able to see how you handle the same problems which I have encountered in making sermons and sermonettes. I find it is one great effort to MAKE THE TRUTH PLAIN! I think this is one of the most important features of your preaching and writing that attracted me in the first instance of contact. Then I came to Ambassador and read in the mail room the same thing expressed by thousands of people. They said, “...Mr. Arm-

strong, you make the Truth so Plain!...” I find that isn't easy to do with a mind that has habitually been complicated and confused by lying, exaggerating, stretching the truth all out of shape. Now, to tell just the PLAIN TRUTH without any distortion is a real task; it is the process of conversion. I am just *beginning* to be converted—may God continue to have mercy on me (and all of us) till the process is completed! I know He will! If He sacrificed His own son just for that purpose—and He did—there's still hope!

Anyhow, that was a real blessing to see you again and hear you giving us the good news about the Work of God, preach to us about our purpose, relate the plans for the coming Feast of Tabernacles (that was another wonderful blessing too, the solving of a multi-million dollar problem in the acquisition of Squaw Valley!).

It was a rare privilege and honour and joy to be invited to join you for dinner at LeMont (I thought Dick would have enjoyed that) and again, thank you very much from our hearts!

We considered it a blessing to be able to talk and hear you relate, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, some of your valuable experiences the night Mr. Scott was with us. And Mr. Scott...some day that man (if he isn't converted soon) will be so sorry his eyes weren't open—but this brings us to the next blessing. You know how you suggested that we make a report on the radio stations here in the Akron and Cleveland areas so it could be decided which stations would be the best for the World Tomorrow Broadcast?

We talked to several people both in and near Akron and Cleveland. Some who live in Cleveland said they would rather listen to Akron station WADC. We ourselves conducted a little survey to see which station would be the most desirable and found that WADC is somewhat of a prestige station here in Akron. It has a power of 20,000 watts and is called Akron's Big Station. It can be heard easily in all of Cleveland, a city of over a million population.

Akron is a city of 300,000, an up-and-coming city. We were told by a prominent Jew in Cincinnati that Akron is one of the *most progressive* cities in the whole nation.

We were about to compile all this information and much more to send to you or to Mr. Scott as soon as we would get the list and information Mr. Scott was going to send to us. Before we could do this the program *started* at a *perfect time*,

across the board, on the very station we had selected as the *one* we would choose as *number one*!

All this just 23 days after we had talked about the possibility!

We about exploded!

Seriously, I join the grateful, happy people of God's Church in Akron, Ohio in expressing deep thanks and profound gratitude. We know it will make this church grow both numerically and spiritually as a part of the *WHOLE* Church. But, was that all? No, indeed!

Like a dark cloud always overshadowing our joy during the many weeks prior even to your visit in Pittsburgh there was the serious condition of Mrs. Warrington, the woman who had had a miscarriage. She lost literally quarts of blood and we didn't know whether she would live or die. There was nothing to be done except trust completely in God! We were totally helpless. The family got wind of it and rose up in wrath...neighbors and welfare department became indignant...all, it seemed, were against her but God...and this is exactly the lesson God wanted and determined He was going to give us all!

They were about to take her forcibly to the hospital for "treatment"...they had gone to the Judge of the Probate Court...the Judge forced the welfare officer to file a complaint resulting in Mrs. Warrington's being called to court to face incompetency charges on Monday morning, May 29...less than three days following the serving of summons. We went to court and received a continuance on the grounds that less than three days had elapsed since the serving of the summons but the judge didn't like it at all! He turned a cherry red...shouted threatening statements at Mr. Warrington to the effect that if anything happens to Mrs. Warrington by the next Wednesday morning at 9 he himself would demand a conviction on manslaughter charges against Mr. Warrington. This had happened before, as you pointed out, in the 4th Chapter of Acts and you even mentioned it specifically in Pittsburgh. It seemed almost identical. Jesus told us we'd be called before rulers. Here we saw it and lived it.

Mr. Warrington and I went into action trying our best to find an attorney to represent them. Really contacted four of them, also tried to get a doctor to examine her to determine the exact condition of her health (because by now we knew God had healed her). Every door seemed to be closed!

The first attorney was sympathetic because his own wife spent six months in the condition of Mrs. Warrington. We talked to him for a long time till he understood the whole picture but at the end of the interview I asked if he wanted

to take the case. He would not unless we could get a medical report of satisfactory condition from a doctor in the county. If we had this we wouldn't need an attorney!

We must have shown a great deal of determination through this talk because he was on our side and seemed to understand but still would not take the case because he was a local lawyer (offices right across the alley from the court) and had to face this judge every day or so. He wasn't going to stick his neck out and oppose the judge who faced him nearly every day...especially since it was obvious that the judge himself had prejudged. Another thing, they were close friends.

We then went to the two doctors of Mr. Warrington's acquaintance. Both turned him down flat, sympathized but refused. We left and went to Akron where I contacted three other attorneys. All three were not willing to touch the case with a ten-foot pole. All were among the finest attorneys in Akron and recommended to me by a very prominent and well known man. (The interior decorator, Mr. Abramson, who helped us to furnish Mr. McDowell's home in Pittsburgh, is a Jew and has taken a strange liking to us, perhaps because he sees through us the qualities of God's Holy Spirit. He doesn't particularly like it but it intrigues him. He has just fallen over trying to be nice to us and serve us in any way he can...and he's very wealthy too. He has shown some interest in The Truth...who knows?)

After every door slammed shut in our faces (apparent doors, that is) one last card was left. This idea kept coming to me several times through this whole ordeal and each time I would reject it as fantastic, not worthy to be even considered; but now, with every way we had tried having resulted in failure, I called Mr. Warrington and said to call up all the relatives who were at the hearing (there were eleven of them) and ask them to come to the Warrington home that night—the welfare officer too. This was a holiday of the world and the next day at 9 A.M. was the hearing.

Then we prayed again that God would just heal Mrs. Warrington completely. He had already started. She had dried up, she felt better and was in good spirits...better than any of the relatives.

There we were, the eve of Wednesday which would bring the hearing, in Mr. and Mrs. Warrington's home...in the very room with the sick woman. A dozen or so of the long-faced and sad relatives filtered in and sat down as we all tried to cheer them up and make them feel better. After a while they were all (or most of them) laughing and joking because we were very happy—Mrs. War-

ington included. She was *really* feeling better.

Mr. Warrington opened his Bible and explained why they (he and his wife) had chosen the course of action which they now followed and then he asked if I wanted to say a few words. I did. I could see how their faces turned stoney hard against him (and against God). I said, "We don't want to change your religion. God is not going to force you to change your religion. You have a right to believe what you wish to believe. Men have died in many wars to preserve that right for you and now you are trying to force your own sister to give up that very right! All Mrs. Warrington wants of you is to be left alone. The pressure and misery you have put this poor woman through is enough to put the healthiest person in bed if not in the insane asylum...and now...she is happier than any of you. Look at her! Does she look like an incompetent? A crazy person who is unable to take proper care of herself? Call her children and see if they have been neglected (one of the women in the church, Mrs. Judy, a very capable woman, had been helping her very efficiently, washing, cooking, cleaning, nursing, etc.). Ask the children if they would like their mother to go to the hospital. Ask them! She has given them the greatest lesson in courage and character that a child can aspire to. Ask them if they disrespect her or disagree with their father. Go ahead and ask them."

They didn't dare.

"Now, I know that some of you are responsible for this and it is your responsibility to call the whole thing off as a big mistake. (The welfare officer admitted to the attorney that the brother-in-law had been the one to report it. The welfare officer didn't want anything to do with it so he sent the whole lot of them to the judge.) If you thought you picked up a mouse by the tail you have another think coming! Mrs. Warrington has made an iron-clad decision and she is going to stick to it! What is more, her *real* friends are going to stand behind her one hundred percent. This is a matter of life and death to us and to her because God considers a man's word and obedience more important than physical life. You have not picked up a little mouse by the tail. You have picked up the tail of a lion...and you will all wish you had never been a part of this conspiracy by the time it is all over! Mrs. Warrington is not going to give in and you can expect us to stand one hundred percent behind her!

"Now, the thing to do is for all of you to sign a petition to the judge that you wish it all to be called off. You have seen her tonight and she is in good health. She is healed and *if she is left alone* she

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What New Members Should Know about the Feast of Tabernacles

Was the Festival of Tabernacles a part of the "law of Moses"? It is commanded in the New Testament? Did the apostle Paul observe it after everything was "nailed to the cross?"

by Herman L. Hoeh

YOU are now a part of the true *New Testament Church of God*, if you have been baptized and have received the Spirit of God. You have become a follower of Christ—and of the apostles in so far as they followed Christ.

What was Christ's example? Did He observe the Feast of Tabernacles? Was He merely following Old Testament practice, or did He come to set the New Testament example?

New Testament Teaching

You have probably heard that Jesus merely followed the customs of Moses—that He set only an Old Testament example. That it was left to Paul to set up New Testament theology and practice.

Many today have accepted without question the idea that Paul, not Jesus, really founded New Testament teaching. Yet nothing could be farther from the truth!

Consider! *Moses* set the true Old Testament example. *He* was the one called of God to establish the practice of the Old Testament Church. *He* gave the "law of Moses" to the Old Testament Church. The Jews had *Moses'* example for their church.

Jesus did not come in *Moses'* name, merely repeating the example of *Moses*. Jesus brought a New Covenant message. The gospel came by Jesus Christ! Christ brought the New Testament promise of the Holy Spirit. *He* set the example for the New Testament Church. Christ left us "an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Several times over Jesus had to declare: "You have heard it said by them of old time"—that is the Old Testament message—"BUT I SAY UNTO YOU..."—that is the New Testament message! Read it for yourself in Matthew 5:21 and 22; in 27 and 28 and in many other places.

The apostle John was inspired to write: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments... whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: *hereby* know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him OUGHT

HIMSELF ALSO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE (CHRIST) WALKED" (1 John 2:4-6).

Notice! We are to walk as *Christ* walked. It doesn't say "as *Moses* walked." Christ not only died to pay for our sins—He also *lived* so that we would know how to live.

How did Christ live? What was His example? What did He teach? Did He set us the example of keeping the Feast of Tabernacles? Did Paul follow Jesus' example and keep the Feast of Tabernacles *long after* everything was "nailed to the cross"? Notice Paul's command to follow *his* example as *he* followed Christ's: "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ*" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

That is very plain. Are we willing to follow Paul as he followed Christ? How did he follow Christ?

Nailed to the Cross?

You have probably heard it said that the Feast of Tabernacles—as also the other annual festivals—were a part of the ceremonial law of Moses added "till the seed should come." That the Holy Days of God were "nailed to the cross."

What most of you probably were not told is that after everything was nailed to the cross **WE STILL FIND THE APOSTLES AND THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OBSERVING THESE DAYS!**

In 1 Corinthians 5:8 Paul commands Gentiles to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread. "Let us therefore keep the feast," he exhorts the Gentile converts at Corinth. By becoming neglectful of the Feast, the Corinthians were allowing the leaven of sin to creep into their midst.

Notice what this means. Either Paul was not the apostle of Jesus Christ and was trying to re-establish what was already abolished, or else the laws regulating the festivals were not abolished at the cross! Isn't that plain? Paul would have been without any authority whatsoever to command these Gentile converts to "keep the feast" unless it was *still God's law* to keep the Holy Days.

Now notice the examples of Paul himself planning to *keep* an annual festival. The first is found in Acts 20:16. Paul is rushing by Ephesus in order to be at Jerusalem. Why does Paul want to be at Jerusalem?—in order to preach to the Jews? Not at all! Notice how this verse reads: "For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible, for him **TO KEEP** the day of Pentecost at Jerusalem."

Paul was determined to **KEEP** the day of Pentecost with the Headquarters Church before launching on a campaign into Spain.

Many translations obscure the real meaning of this verse. The original, inspired Greek word here translated "to keep" is *genesthai*, which is an infinitive form of *ginomai*. The King James and other versions incorrectly render it "to be." The Greek word for "to be" is *einai*, but Luke was inspired to use *genesthai* here in Acts 20:16 which can mean among other things "to keep, to celebrate, or to solemnize a festival" according to the *Analytical Greek Lexicon*.

This same root word is used in Matthew 26:2, which ought to be translated: "Ye know that after two days the Passover *is celebrated*..."

So here we have two important examples of Paul—1) commanding Gentiles to observe the Days of Unleavened Bread and 2) planning to **KEEP** the day of Pentecost with the Headquarters Church at Jerusalem.

But what New Testament examples are there for keeping the Feast of Tabernacles?

Christ's Example in the New Testament

The last autumn before He died, Jesus went up to Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Tabernacles!

The entire seventh chapter of the Gospel according to John is devoted to what Jesus said and did at that Festival. Because of the Jews, Jesus did not go to Jerusalem with his family, but separate from them (verses 8 and 10). He did not appear publicly to teach in the temple

until the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles (verse 14). John records parts of the special sermon of Christ delivered on the last great day of the Feast, beginning with verse 37.

Did Paul follow Jesus' example?

Paul Kept Feast of Tabernacles

Paul obeyed Jesus Christ. Paul kept the Holy Days Jesus commanded. That included the Feast of Tabernacles. Where, in Scripture, do we find Paul keeping this festival? Turn to the book of Acts for the answer! Notice the sequence of events.

God used Paul to reach the Gentiles with the Gospel. In 50 A.D., Paul crossed over from Asia into Europe and began to preach the gospel at Philippi "on the day of weeks"—Pentecost—according to the inspired original Greek (Acts 16:13). Pentecost is also called the "feast of weeks" in the old Testament (Deut. 16:10).

Most versions render the Greek expression "on the sabbath day"; but the original inspired Greek is in the plural—and means "the day of weeks." This was exactly 19 years to the day since the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost in A.D. 31 (Acts 2).

After a few weeks at Philippi, Thessalonica (Acts 17:1), Berea (Acts 17:10) and at Athens (verse 16), Paul came to Corinth in the late summer of A.D. 50. After spending several sabbaths teaching in the synagogue (Acts 18:4), Paul continued to hold meetings in the house of Titius Justus (verse 7) for "a year and six months" (verse 11). This brings us to the spring of 52 A.D.

After a riot stirred up against the Apostle was quelled, we read the following about Paul: "And Paul after this tarried there *a good while*, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria" (Acts 18:18). It was now well into the summer of A.D. 52. The Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost—the two festivals near the beginning and end of spring—were now past.

To continue with Paul's journey. On his way from Corinth to the port of Syria, "he came to Ephesus" and "entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; but bade them farewell, saying, I MUST BY ALL MEANS KEEP THIS FEAST THAT COMETH IN JERUSALEM: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus" (Acts 18:19-21).

Paul planning to keep the feast with the Headquarters Church at Jerusalem? Indeed! That is what the Scripture says!

Which Feast? Obviously the Feast of Tabernacles!

The spring festivals were already past. The two late summer or early autumn Holy Days, the festivals of Trumpets

and Atonement, were held at any of the local congregations. Yet here was a major festival being held at Jerusalem *in the autumn*. The only major festival that occurs in the autumn is the Feast of Tabernacles! Paul told the Ephesians that he "*must by all means keep this feast*" with the Headquarters Church in Jerusalem. Paul had just completed his first journey into Europe with the gospel. He felt he had to report the progress of the work to the Headquarters Church and the brethren in Palestine (verse 22). What better time than to do so while keeping the Feast of Tabernacles!

Here is the example of Paul the apostle to the Gentiles. After years in the New Testament ministry he is still **KEEPING THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES**.

Verse Left Out in Corrupted Manuscripts

Acts 18:21 appears correctly in the King James Version of the Bible. But numerous modern translations leave out that portion of the verse which tells of Paul's intention to keep the Feast.

This verse, in its entirety, *belongs in the Bible*. It has always been 100% a part of the Greek "Received Text"—which is the inspired text handed down to the Greek speaking world by the original true Church of God. The overwhelming majority of Greek Manuscripts (95%) have this verse in it. The only manuscripts which leave it out are those 5% copied in Egypt and in the Latin-speaking portions of the Roman Empire.

There would have been no reason to add this verse to the Bible if it were not there originally. BUT THERE IS EVERY REASON WHY MEN WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE IT FROM THE INSPIRED TEXT! The Catholic version of the Bible leaves it out as do almost all modern Protestant translations of the Bible. These are just the churches who do *not* want to keep this feast!

Here, brethren, is proof from the New Testament—from Christ's teaching and example, and the apostle Paul's example—that the New Testament Church is commanded to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. How plain the Scripture is when we are willing to believe and practice what it reveals!

Began Before the Old Covenant

Many people assume that the command to keep the Feast of Tabernacles was a part of the Old Covenant—and since the Old Covenant is no longer in force it is no longer necessary to keep the Feast. This idea is false. Here is why!

The Old Covenant was a marriage agreement (Jeremiah 31:32). If a marriage agreement is broken, *that does not abolish the laws that regulate marriages*. The laws incorporated in the Old Cove-

nant are like the laws which regulate a marriage covenant. They exist before a marriage agreement and regulate it. Israel's breaking of the Old Covenant did not abolish the laws to which Israel agreed.

This brings us to another fact! *The Old Covenant did not institute the Holy Days!*

The statutes which regulate the annual festivals existed *prior* to the Old Covenant. What the Old Covenant did not institute it cannot abolish. The Old Covenant was merely a marriage agreement between the Eternal (the Husband) and Israel (the wife) in which the wife agreed to *obey* the Husband's laws *which were already in force*. In return for obedience, Israel was physically blessed and provided for above all other nations.

The statutes which instituted the Holy Days were required to be kept *before* the Old Covenant was made!

Turn to Exodus 15:26: "If you will diligently hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear unto His commandments, *and keep ALL HIS STATUTES*, I will put none of these diseases upon you that afflict the Egyptians."

Here is the Lord Jesus Christ commanding His people to keep *all* His statutes *before* the Old Covenant. These statutes could not have been instituted by the Old Covenant because the Old Covenant was not completed until Exodus 24.

These statutes, which God was revealing to Moses and the people before Sinai, were *later* incorporated into the Old Covenant—just as was the weekly Sabbath (Exodus 20). But the Old Covenant did not begin then. The Old Covenant merely required obedience to what already was in full force and effect.

Among all the statutes which were *in force before Sinai* and later incorporated into the Old Covenant *are the requirements to observe the annual festivals*—including the Feast of Tabernacles (Exodus 23:14-17). If the annual festivals had not already been God's laws they could not have been included in the Old Covenant.

Began with the Church

The weekly Sabbath began with man. It was made at creation (Genesis 2). But the annual festivals God gave first to the Church when the Church began. The twelve tribes of Israel were first formed into a Church just before the Exodus from Egypt. The *first* function of that Congregation or Assembly was **TO KEEP THE ANNUAL HOLY DAYS**. The first time the word Congregation is used for the tribes of Israel is in Exodus 12:3, where the annual festi-

vals are first introduced!

Just as the Sabbath keeps *man* in a right relationship with his Creator, so the annual Holy Days keep *the Church* in a right knowledge of the Plan of God. Any group which refuses to keep holy these days God made holy is not in a right relationship with God. Such a group is spiritually like the Egyptians who scoffed at God's festivals!

When the Congregation of Israel—the Church in Old Testament times—began to sin (began to be in a wrong relationship with God) and to break these laws, God *temporarily added*—after the making of the Old Covenant—various physical rituals and sacrifices which were imposed *on every day of the year* until the coming of Jesus Christ to shed His own blood for our sins (Hebrews 9:10 and Galatians 3:19). These temporary, physical laws did not exist prior to the Old Covenant (Jeremiah 7:22-23). They were given only to the Old Testament Church for a limited duration. *Jesus never practiced these ritualistic laws.* You cannot find one place in the New Testament where He sets us any example to keep them. But He did keep the Feast of Tabernacles as an example for us—and He commanded those who love Him to keep His words, which included the observance of the annual festivals.

Commanded FOREVER

Nowhere in the Bible was the "law of Moses" commanded forever. But the annual festivals are commanded to be kept by the people forever!

It is time we opened our Bibles to see what the Scriptures actually say. Notice the many texts which declare the festivals are to be "observed by a statute FOREVER."

"And this day"—the Passover—"shall be unto you for a MEMORIAL; and ye shall keep it a feast [the word "festival" is a better translation] to the Lord

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Recipe for Happiness

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will regain her strength normally and naturally..."

Only one or two of them would have anything to do with the idea... still the stony faced stare. They got up and filed out of the house.

We were discouraged. The last resort seemed to have failed. I then called the attorney (the first one we contacted) and asked him what he suggested. He said he had talked to the judge, met him for lunch, was able to explain things in a way that it could never have been done in the courtroom, and without cost. Said the judge seemed to understand. Then I was

glad we had made a favorable impression on that attorney.

Next morning Mr. McDowell had come up from Pittsburgh and we three went to the courthouse and waited in the hall till about a half hour after the time for the hearing. Someone stuck his head out of the courtroom door and called Mr. Warrington only. He came out ten minutes later with a smile all over his face: from ear to ear and from forehead to chin. His brother-in-law came to the court early and asked that it all be dropped, that she was feeling better and there was no reason for all the upset. The judge suspended the affair indefinitely.

Mrs. Warrington has been up since and steadily improving, was in church last Sabbath and came to a Spokesman Club meeting last Thursday. Her body is clean and undamaged. She and her husband are happier than ever, the children are deeply impressed with their parents. The friends, relatives, doctors, lawyers, neighbors, judge, etc... people in whom the world place their trust... had proven themselves unworthy of trust. The Warringtons will never forget the trial, the church at Akron grew closer together in a bond of *Love*. All things worked together for good to those who loved and trusted in God and He glorified Himself in it all.

But, is that all? Did the avalanche stop there? Absolutely not.

As soon as the dust settled little David, their son, got a high temperature of 104.8 from an earache. They were advised to bathe his wrists and to sponge him. They also followed your advice in the article on "Fasting for Health"... the use of grapefruit. He was prayed for before. We prayed again and the fever started to subside and for the next seven hours his temperature went down and leveled off at normal... the boy is only 7 but he has learned a great principle: he said "I guess God is doing this so I'll build character."

That's not all either...

Mrs. McDowell was delivered of a handsome little boy 8 pounds 9 ounces.

Then a girl whose parents burned her PLAIN TRUTH, Correspondence Course, etc. beat her, knocked her down, choked her in an effort to make her join the Amish Church, ran away from home and persecution (she's only 17). Juvenile court made her a ward of the court so she can pursue her own religion and education. She may be a future student of Ambassador. She is very sweet and brilliant. God heard and glorified himself here too. That is not all either!

A man in this church who faced financial ruin was given another golden chance when *we went to talk with the persons involved*. Mr. Armstrong, I'm surprised how many times I use the

knowledge and wisdom from your experiences... they work! Is that all? No!

Yesterday a couple in the church gave my wife Dorothy a beautiful Wurlitzer Grand Piano (a short baby grand), just because, as the woman said, "she plays so well." Dorothy really doesn't believe she does but she is really working on her music. She is taking lessons from a very good teacher now. He is a perfectionist and a real technician and that is what she needed. She is really growing.

The avalanche hasn't stopped and it never will!

We're so grateful that you and Mrs. Armstrong yielded to God way back there... that you were instrumental in our call and start toward conversion... that you have given us such wonderful examples (in the flesh) to follow... WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!

Your children,
Robert W. and
Dorothy Hoops

P. S. Give our love to Dickie, his mommie and new daddie — and to all the called and chosen there in England whom we love in the Truth though we haven't talked to them.

P. S., jr. Say hello to the Woodies in case we don't get to write very soon.

Come to the Feast

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Tabernacles, the Eternal declares: "Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless thee and all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, *therefore thou shalt surely REJOICE*" (Deut. 16:15).

Did you notice that? God promises to BLESS you and all the work of your hands — on your farm, at your job, whatever your occupation or source of income might be IF you *obey Him* and keep His Feast. And, He says, for this reason you shall REJOICE in the Feast knowing that you're receiving a blessing from keeping it!

So let us keep God's Feast with *humility* and also with JOY and HAPPINESS. As you come, realize that this observance is to picture the HAPPY "World Tomorrow" when Jesus Christ really BLESSES this world!

Do NOT come to the Feast with a sentimental, pious, "holier than thou" attitude. Don't be searching and looking for "sin" in your brethren — many of whom may be newly converted and just beginning to understand and grow. Consider *yourself* and be THANKFUL for God's mercy to us all!

Remember, the theme of the Feast of

Tabernacles which God Himself sets forth in His Word is that of spiritual and physical REJOICING. You should come, therefore, not only expecting to be blessed with wonderful spiritual food and sermons, Bible studies, and direct spiritual fellowship with converted brethren; you should come also expecting to rejoice in good food, drink, recreation, exercise and laughter! You should come with a humble and thankful spirit of being able to ENJOY yourself thoroughly before the Father of love and mercy, happiness and joy!

Come with an open mind and heart. Come with an open Bible and a ready pen and notebook. Come with a warm handshake and a ready smile. But COME — obey your Maker and REJOICE!

How Does God Place His Name?

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like we were going to have to spend multiple, untold millions of dollars on buildings and facilities of a permanent nature, to be used only eight days per year.

We had totally outgrown all facilities at Gladewater. We were going to have to provide a much larger auditorium to be begun immediately. Or at least, we were going to have to add a huge "T" on the present structure. We were going to have to provide giant wells, water tanks, fixtures, plumbing, sanitary buildings, housing, electricity, sewage and drainage — enough for a huge CITY!

We were going to have to provide additional expansive dining facilities, with a giant new kitchen, huge walk-in freezers capable of holding the hundreds of slaughtered animals such a crowd could consume in eight days. We should have had to build wide one-way roads, spacious parking lots, broad walkways, many escalators and stairways to provide quick road and foot traffic for such a giant project!

And this would only have been the beginning!

Brethren, we were facing the IMMEDIATE building of many hundreds of additional booths, or the purchase of many hundreds of costly permanently fixed trailer houses BEFORE THIS FALL FEAST!

You can not begin to realize the vast expenditure which would have been necessary for such a huge project.

These things HAD to be done.

God Showed Another Way

But God opened another way. He closed one door, and flung open another one! It wasn't Mr. Armstrong's doing, it

wasn't mine. God worked through several individuals to bring about circumstances to LEAD us to the beautiful location of Squaw Valley California for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Armstrong was skeptical. He was very reluctant to see the Feast of Tabernacles observed in two locations! So was I! So were all of God's ministers! We could see many problems arising from having to split the Feast of Tabernacles in the U.S.A. for the first time! We didn't WANT to see it work out this way!

But God did!

He opened a way so that we do not have to build a single booth more this year! Not a single new sanitary building will be desperately needed this year! Not one foot of space for seating, no new roads, no additional housing will have to be provided near Gladewater. Had we wanted to, we couldn't have, anyhow! The brethren of God's Church even though doubled in membership from a little more than two years ago, were simply not responding with liberal offerings for the building fund.

At the same time, we were beginning on two giant-super-power radio stations, and each greatly increased operating expenditure.

We simply could not take one dollar out of operating expenditure for the preaching of the Gospel to build huge, permanent fixtures to make all of you brethren comfortable for eight days.

Mr. Armstrong told me it was not "his decision" when I inadvertently used that term in talking to him long distance. Of course I knew whose decision it was, and merely expressed myself inadequately. I mention this here to show you, once again, that God's true ministers do NOT make their own personal head-strong self-willed decisions through human vanity, or some personal desire!

Mr. Armstrong wanted to know what is GOD'S Will. Yes, God closed all other doors, and opened the door to Squaw Valley!

EVERY desirable facility is there. A huge auditorium, capable of seating 8,000 and more people without a pillar or a post! More than our tabernacle in Texas!

Large, top-class dormitory buildings, hotels, lodges, motels, camping space. Swimming, waterskiing, boating, fishing, hiking, riding, ski-lifts up to soaring peaks with breath-taking views, horse back riding, and many other activities! Spacious social rooms for Bible studies, for group meetings, spokesmen's club meetings, social activities. Outdoor ice skating!

Days of peace and QUIET, with God's own people, in a fantastically beautiful, refreshing mountain setting — all this open to the people of God JUST in time

to solve the seemingly insurmountable problem!

Yes—brethren—GOD HAS PLACED HIS NAME IN SQUAW VALLEY FOR BRETHREN WEST OF THE ROCKIES FOR THE FEAST THIS FALL!

God has worked directly through circumstances!

Are We Truly Obedient?

Even as the Feast of Tabernacles was held in Paul's day at Antioch, at Ephesus, Phillipi, Corinth and Rome as well as Jerusalem, so today, God is showing His people where they should meet in Africa, Australia, England, the Philippines, the British West Indies and here in the United States.

Even as the Feast of Tabernacles has been observed first by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in their own home alone, and then later with a few brethren in the little church building on West Eighth Street in Eugene, then at Belknap Springs, then Seigler Springs, then Gladewater, so God has NOW made known another location in the United States for brethren west of the Rockies — Squaw Valley!

HOW Does God Place His Name?

Brethren! God Almighty is to be IN us! He is to dwell within our very bodies by the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit. A woman once began laying stress on a geographical location as a place of worship. She was talking to Jesus. "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain," she said: "and Ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus sayeth unto her, woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain NOR IN JERUSALEM worship the Father...but the hour cometh and NOW IS, when the TRUE worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him"! (John 4:20-23.)

Jesus revealed that the ATTITUDE is even more important than the PLACE.

Did he mean to say the place is NOT important? No, of course not! He also said, "For where two or three of you are gathered together in my name [after His authority, in His way, according to His will] THERE AM I in the midst of them"! (Matt. 18:20). Notice, however, that Jesus was speaking to His apostles, to His ministers, not to individual laymembers who may wish to meet in small groups by themselves! God's ministers are going to be gathered together, in the NAME OF CHRIST, at the Tabernacle near Big Sandy, and at Squaw Valley this autumn!

That's where God has placed His NAME by revealing it to His Servants!

That's where CHRIST will be!

Will you?

Be Prepared for the FEAST

This is the second in the cookbook series—with special recipes for the Feast of Tabernacles' season.

THAT time of year to which all ages look forward with special anticipation is the Feast of Tabernacles! At this festive season some will be planning to eat most of their meals in their cars, or along the side of the road while enroute.

There are those who will be preparing their own meals while at the Festival. To help make the mealtimes more enjoyable for all you need to plan ahead of time.

How to Plan Ahead

There are some foods which lend themselves more conveniently than others to a limited amount of meal preparation time. Some of the foods which will appeal for use are those which would not ordinarily be considered for common usage when in our homes under less limited circumstances. Due to their short keeping qualities some foods are not practical to take with you or even buy due to the limited refrigeration facilities that may be available.

You will need to provide the types of foods that will do the most to promote good health. Beware of carelessness in just satisfying the taste without considering the health of the body. You will all enjoy yourselves more when feeling peppy and vigorous. It is possible to allow food treats and still provide those foods which would be best for your health.

It may often be more practical to use canned foods than fresh under the circumstances being considered. Frequent shopping is difficult for some. Although you may be able to make regular shopping trips, there are limitations due to equipment, refrigeration, space and time available for food preparation. Hence you need to plan menus which use a minimum of cooking utensils and require a relatively shorter time to prepare than meals at home. It is also necessary to have items on hand which will keep well.

To make your meals more appealing, and in some cases more economical, there are food products which *you can prepare* at home before your departure. Among these are pancake mix, crackers and certain dessert items.

The main items of your meals such as meat and vegetables cannot, however, be prepared ahead of time. You need to plan what you are going to use and when you will need it so that you will know ahead of time when to buy it.

Generally the first meal item to be considered is the main dish which may be meat, fish, poultry, cheese and dried beans or dried peas. When you have fresh meat it is wise to buy only the amounts which can be used at one meal. Also the meat should be purchased as near to the time to use it as possible. If ice is available the meat should be kept cold until time to use it. Fresh meat spoils rapidly if not under refrigeration when the weather is warm and/or the room temperature is high. For more details on food spoilage refer to article on "Hot Weather Food Hints" in the August "Good News." Whole pieces of meat usually keep good longer than ground meat or meat cut up for stewing. Ground meat which is not to be refrigerated should be bought and cooked right away.

A beef-vegetable stew in which the meat is cut into rather small cubes offers a tasty one-dish meat-and-vegetable menu

item. Due to the smaller pieces of meat it will allow more rapid preparation than stews made from larger pieces of meat which require more cooking time. The use of wine and lemon juice not only add flavor but also act as meat tenderizers. This meat dish may take longer cooking time than some others, but once the ingredients are prepared it requires little attention. This is a good dish to prepare when you need to tend to other things around your living quarters as well as cook.

Beef-Vegetable Stew with Red Wine

- 1 lb. *lean* meat (chuck or round) cut in 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons whole wheat flour
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 clove finely chopped garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice (or juice of 1 lemon)
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup dry red wine (Burgundy, Bordeaux, etc.)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 4 medium carrots, quartered (halve lengthwise, then cut in half crosswise)
- 4 medium potatoes, quartered. (If white potatoes are used in this stew, they need *only* to be scrubbed and any bad spots cut out, but if red potatoes are used they should be peeled as they have often been *artificially colored* to increase their natural color.)

Roll meat cubes in flour, coating each piece well.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large heavy saucepan or a *large* skillet. Add finely chopped clove of garlic and the meat cubes. Brown meat quickly on *one* side. (To brown the meat on all sides toughens it and destroys food values unnecessarily. All you need is enough browning to add flavor.)

When the meat has browned, add the bay leaf, lemon juice, water and wine. Cover and let simmer over low heat 45 minutes or until the meat is just tender.

Add sliced onion, quartered carrots and potatoes and salt. Cover and cook 20-30 minutes until the vegetables are done. Makes 4-6 servings.

Beef-potato hash seems to be a well-liked food by many people. You can make a delicious beef hash yourself from canned roast beef and potatoes which you cook. Canned beef hash products which are quick to get ready for eating are on the market. But when considering the purchase of these products be careful to *check their contents*. Some contain preservatives such as sodium nitrite and sodium nitrate, especially if the hash is made from corned beef.

There are a variety of possible uses for the canned *plain* roast beef with salt (there is a canned *chopped* beef which contains preservatives). For example: the canned roast beef could be used for hash, in sandwiches, in stew and chili when it is not advisable to use fresh meat. Since the canned roast beef has salt added to it, reduce the amount of salt called for when using it in recipes which call for freshly cooked meat. The beef-potato hash recipe which follows makes use of the canned *roast* beef.

This hash resembles an oven-cooked hash even though it is cooked on top of the stove.

Beef-Potato Hash

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 cups chopped roast beef (1 12-ounce can)
- 2 cups diced *cooked* potatoes
- 1 small onion, *finely* chopped or grated
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup milk

Mix meat, potatoes, onions, salt and milk together.

Spread evenly in greased hot skillet. Cover.

Stir occasionally. Cook over *low* heat about 20 minutes. Makes 4-6 servings.

Ground beef makes its appearance in many forms on the average menu. One widely liked use is in chili with beans. When cooking under conditions where you want to provide appealing meals and use a minimum of time in the cooking process, canned cooked dried beans will cut down on cooking time. Ordinarily it is not wise to buy prepared beans as a regular habit. The cost is much higher than when you cook the dried beans yourself. Canned kidney beans and pinto beans are some of the canned bean products available. In purchasing canned bean products *always read the label carefully*—some contain pork. For an easy-to-make chili you will find the following recipe one which you can prepare quickly in your full time schedule.

Chili with Kidney Beans

- 1 lb. *lean* ground beef
- 1 medium onion, *finely* chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 4 cups canned kidney beans
- 1 28-ounce can (3½ cups) tomatoes
- 1 8-ounce can (1 cup) tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt

Spread meat over the bottom of a heavy saucepan or a kettle.

After the meat is browned on the under side, stir in the finely chopped onion and garlic and cover. Cook over *low* heat until the vegetables are barely tender—about 10 minutes.

Add kidney beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce and seasonings. Replace cover and simmer 20 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

For a popular, rapidly prepared main dish, dress up scrambled eggs with dried beef or cheese. (When using chipped beef it is advisable to use the canned type. The packaged form usually found on the delicatessen counters of the markets is likely to contain preservatives.)

Scrambled Eggs with Chipped Beef

- 1 tablespoon oil
- ½ of a 2½-ounce jar chipped beef
- 6 eggs, beaten

Cut or tear beef into small pieces.

Put oil in hot skillet. Add chipped beef and cook until the edges begin to curl. Add eggs and scramble. Makes 4-6 servings.

No salt needs to be added as the beef already contains enough to salt the eggs. If only the amount of this recipe is made, the dried beef that is left may be kept in the original jar for use at another time.

For scrambled eggs with cheese, add 1 tablespoon grated or finely diced cheese per egg. Add the cheese to eggs when they are partially done, then cook until of desired consistency.

Some other main-dish menu items which offer possibilities for use during this time are canned tuna, salmon, sardines, kippered herring, natural cheeses such as mild and sharp cheddar and Swiss and cottage cheese. Nuts also contribute protein to your meals and add variety. These are, in fact, the only types of protein foods that you can safely use on the weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Tabernacles. The home-prepared meat dishes such as the stew and chili mentioned earlier cannot, however, safely be kept from Friday until the Sabbath without being refrigerated. If you have an ice chest, a roast prepared on Friday will keep on ice for the Sabbath because a large piece of cooked meat keeps better than small pieces. Nor are there other food items such as potatoes, which spoil readily, mixed with it. But remember, this is safely done *only* with roasts, and none should be kept beyond the day after the meat was cooked. That is, if you roasted it on Friday, don't keep any of the roast that may not have been eaten on Saturday until Sunday. Don't hesitate to put such leftovers in the garbage.

Soup frequently appears as a menu item for hurried meals. When the soup is a hearty one and well supported by other menu items it can be a valuable contribution to your meals away from home. Canned soups such as tomato, cream of celery and cream of mushroom make tasty dishes as a *part* of your meal. These soups can be used with other vegetables and/or meat to make a wholesome main portion for your meal. Canned mixed vegetables and one of the canned soups mentioned could be blended together to make a hearty vegetable soup. By making this type of combination you could get more vegetables in your soup than in the usual canned vegetable soup—they generally contain a large proportion of macaroni.

Care and Use of Vegetables

Canned vegetables bought at the store do not need to be heated before they are tasted or served. When using them in soups as suggested above, use the liquid portion as well as the solid vegetable portion, since it is proven that the juice on canned foods contains just as much food value as the solid portion.

Canned vegetables to be used in salads must be drained of juice, however. But don't throw the juice away. Mix it with canned tomato juice and serve it as a drink or put it instead of water into soup.

Precaution, however, must be used when using *home-canned* vegetables. Corn and spinach canned at home should be brought to a bubbling boil and be maintained for 20 minutes *before* tasting. All other home-canned vegetables except tomatoes should be boiled 10 minutes *before* tasting. Tomatoes, like fruits, are acid and do not need cooking after they are opened in order to be safe. You are running the risk of food poisoning if you ignore these safety measures.

Home-canned meat, likewise, should be boiled 20 minutes before even a taste of it is taken.

Vegetables should play a major role in your menus. They can be eaten raw, cooked plain or in combination dishes such as soups or stews. Some vegetables which have relatively long-keeping qualities without refrigeration are potatoes, dry onions and hard-shell squash.

Potatoes are a good substitute for bread as well as being a food which can be prepared in many ways. Potatoes give an alka-

line reaction in the body instead of an acid reaction as is the case with bread. If potato salad is served, it should be made and used right at mealtime — keep no leftovers.

Of the vegetables which need a cooler temperature, carrots and cabbage have high keeping qualities. Lettuce, celery and other green vegetables need to be kept cold and moist after washing and draining them. If those vegetables which need refrigeration are kept in plastic bags or wrapped in damp clean cloths it helps in retaining their moisture content. Raw vegetables served as relishes or in salads are quick to prepare and can add color as well as needed roughage to the meal.

One of the secrets of a successful salad is crisp fresh ingredients. But salad dressings can "make" or ruin your crisp salad. Three basic salad dressings — French, mayonnaise and cooked dressing — offer a wide range of variations which may be made to suit the individual tastes and type of salad involved. When buying commercial salad dressing, get the best quality and tastiest you can to help promote the most desirable salad appeal. For a tangy French-type dressing here is a speedy one to make.

French Dressing

- ¾ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon raw or brown sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon black or white pepper
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons cider or malt vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup oil

Mix and shake in a jar.

Fruits are a versatile food which go well with any meal and between times too, whether it be as a starter for breakfast or for dessert at dinner. Breakfast should include a fruit or juice — preferably citrus or tomato juice. You can find canned unsweetened juices and fruits canned in light syrup or water on the grocery shelves. These are much more desirable than those juices with sugar added and fruits in heavy syrups. Raw fruits keep well at room temperature and give you an easy quick way to vary your meals and satisfy hungry appetites.

To add variety to the salad portion of your meal try a waldorf salad. This is a combination of fruits, vegetable, nuts and salad dressing.

Waldorf Salad

- 1½ cups diced unpeeled apples
(wash well before using)
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup raisins
- ¼ cup chopped or broken nut meats
- 1 rounded tablespoon mayonnaise

Mix all ingredients. 6 servings.

When traveling it is often difficult to find desirable bread products in the markets. Read labels carefully. When the fat used is listed as shortening — beware! It may be animal fat. More and more animal fats are being blended with oils for use in the commercial baking process. Unless the label specifies that vegetable shortening or oil or butter is used you may be getting animal fat. Crackers made with vegetable shortening or butter

are particularly hard to find, especially in the smaller markets. Yet crackers travel and store well and maintain their freshness for relatively long periods of time. Try making your own!

Following is a crisp cracker recipe which contains plain whole wheat flour and wheat germ. If you can get whole wheat pastry flour it may be used instead of the regular whole wheat flour. A crisper, flakier cracker can be made from the whole wheat pastry flour.

Wheat Germ Crackers

- 1½ cups sifted whole wheat flour
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup wheat germ
- ¼ cup oil
- ½ cup water

Sift flour and then measure. Sift measured flour, soda, cream of tartar, salt together. Add wheat germ and mix.

Combine oil and water. Add dry ingredients and mix until they are wet.

Take a ball of dough about the size needed for a single pie crust. Roll on lightly floured board or wax paper until it is wafer thin. Cut into squares with a knife or in rounds with a cookie cutter.

Place on ungreased cooky sheet. Prick twice with a fork. If a salty cracker is desired, sprinkle with table salt, garlic, celery or seasoned salt. Bake in a hot oven (400°F.) 8-10 minutes.

A delicious cheese cracker can be made by adding 1½ cups finely grated natural cheddar cheese to the wheat germ cracker recipe. Add the grated cheese to the oil and water and stir *before* adding the dry ingredients, then proceed as for the plain crackers.

For a popular breakfast treat serve pancakes as a change from the usual fare. You can make your own dry mix at home, store in tightly sealed plastic bag or plastic container or clean empty honey or coffee can. Add the liquid ingredients when ready to use the mix. The pancake recipe which follows is for a bread type pancake. The batter is rather thick, but you can spread it out gently with the back of a spoon on the griddle or skillet. If the batter is made thinner the texture of the pancakes is likely to be heavier and less tender than those made from the thicker batter. The liquid ingredients should be added to the mix just prior to cooking them. Stir only enough to combine the ingredients. Avoid beating — it develops the gluten which results in less tender pancakes. The longer the batter stands the more leavening it loses. So mix and use right away! Best results are also obtained if the mix is made up in 2 cup amounts as is suggested in using the mix that follows.

Whole Wheat Pancake Mix

- 4½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup dry skim milk
- 1½ teaspoons soda
- 3 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ⅓ cup raw or brown sugar

Sift dry ingredients and store in a cool place until ready for use.

To make an average amount of pancake batter from the mix, use the following:

- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 2 slightly rounded cups pancake mix

Mix the liquid ingredients and add all at once to the mix. Stir *just enough* to moisten the dry ingredients. Bake on an ungreased skillet or griddle. There should generally be no need for greasing the surface where the pancakes are to be cooked since there is oil in the batter. As a precaution against sticking you can put salt in a coarse cloth and rub the skillet or griddle thoroughly. Makes 16-18 medium pancakes.

Prepared breakfast foods usually offer little more than empty calories, enrichment products and preservatives. There are some few commercially prepared cereals which on special occasion might be worthwhile getting — but you have to look carefully and diligently to discover them. Generally speaking you get far more for your money if you buy and use cereals *you* cook.

Sweets seem to be considered a delicacy by many. There are several taste-appealing morsels along this line that will satisfy the sweet tooth and at the same time provide more than just empty calories.

Recipes for some sweets that can be made at home and taken on a trip ought to be used because it is most often in bakery cakes, cookies and crackers that we find undesirable ingredients. It is far wiser to make such things yourself at home before you go to the Feast so that you know what kind of ingredients have been used. They will cost you less, too, than if you buy the ready-baked items.

Clean, empty honey and coffee cans make excellent storage containers for such. The dessert referred to can be made at home and taken along on your trip. The following recipes give some different types of desserts from which you might like to choose what best suits your taste.

Peanut butter and honey are a sandwich-filling favorite. For a different combination these two can be mixed with dry milk to make an uncooked candy.

Peanut Butter Balls

- 1/3 cup peanut butter (plain or nutty)
- 1/4 cup honey or molasses
- 1/2 cup dry skim milk
- 1/3 cup flaked, or chopped shredded coconut

Mix and shape into balls about the size of a walnut. Roll balls in ground nuts, dry milk or flaked coconut. (The canned coconut is less likely to contain preservatives than that found in packages. Read the labels.) This recipe is easier to work with when made in the quantity given.

Dried fruits such as prunes, figs, dates, raisins and apricots are better for snacks than sugary candies and often no more expensive. Eaten with nuts, especially almonds, they make a very sustaining food.

Just for a change, you may like to have confections made of mixtures of them.

Raisin Candy

- 1 1/2 cups seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup coconut, shredded or flaked
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 3 tablespoons honey

Any kind of nuts may be used. Brazil nuts are least desirable.

Put the raisins and coconut through a food chopper using the medium blade.

Knead in the chopped nuts and honey. Roll into small balls. Makes about two dozen.

There are cooky recipes galore, but they are often overly rich and sweet. Here is one that is not too rich or sweet and yet has taste appeal.

Crispy Oatmeal Cookies

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| 2 cups rolled oats | 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg |
| 1/2 cup seedless raisins | 1/4 cup butter |
| 1/2 cup chopped walnuts | 6 tablespoons vegetable oil |
| 2 cups whole wheat flour | 1 cup raw or brown sugar |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 medium egg |
| 1 teaspoon soda | 2 tablespoons molasses |
| 2 teaspoons cream of tartar | 2 tablespoons water |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | |

Prepare the nuts and wash the raisins if necessary. Mix both with the rolled oats (the regular, not the quick-cooking type). Set aside. Lightly oil one or two cooky sheets.

Set the oven to heat to 400°F.

Sift the whole wheat flour and measure. Add the salt, soda, cream of tartar, cinnamon and nutmeg and sift together two or three times.

The butter should be at room temperature or even a little warmer so that it will cream very easily. Measure it into a large mixing bowl and beat until creamy with no lumps remaining. Add two tablespoons of the oil and beat until well mixed. Add the remaining oil and beat again.

Add the sugar to the butter-oil mixture and beat until the mass develops a creamy appearance.

Add the egg and beat the mixture until well blended.

Measure the molasses and water into a cup and stir until they are thoroughly mixed.

Add about 2 heaping tablespoons of the sifted flour mixture to the creamed egg mixture and beat until blended.

Pour in half of the mixed water and molasses and beat again. Add half of the remaining flour; beat until mixed. Add the rest of the molasses mixture and beat; then add the remaining flour and finish beating.

Add the raisin-nut-oatmeal mixture and combine it with the dough with folding motions.

Take heaping teaspoonfuls of the dough and roll them lightly between the palms of your hands to make balls about the size of a walnut. Place these about 2 inches apart on the oiled cooky sheets.

With a fork flatten the balls, keeping their shape as nearly round as possible. Flatten them to the thickness of the raisins in the dough. The fork will become sticky after pressing two or three cookies. Simply dip the fork into a cup of cold water, shake off the excess water and continue.

Slide the filled cooky sheets into the heated oven and leave to bake to a light golden brown (about 10 minutes).

After removing the cookies from the oven, leave them on the cooky sheets for a minute, then remove them with a spatula or small pancake turner. This recipe makes 3 1/2 to 4 dozen cookies.

As soon as they are cool, store them in a covered jar or tin. No doubt you have favorite cooky recipes of your own that you might like to make for eating during the Feast. Choose those that make a crisp cooky since soft, moist cookies are prone to mold during warm weather. Also, cookies made with honey or at least with some honey in them resist molding better than those made with sugar only.

Had you ever thought of taking a fruitcake for a treat during the Festival? It can be made weeks ahead. In fact, fruitcakes are better if made beforehand.

You need to be careful, however, in selecting the fruits that you are going to put into your cake. It is almost impossible to find untreated candied citron, pineapple, cherries or fruit peels in stores. Often these products have been preserved with benzoate of soda or colored in some way.

At some future date we plan to explain how you can make some of these yourself and make healthful fruitcakes containing them, but for the present we can have fruitcake made without any of these questionable items.

Honey Fruitcake

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| 3 cups raisins | 4 eggs |
| 1 1/2 cups cooked, drained prunes
cut in small pieces | 4 cups sifted whole
wheat flour |
| 1 1/2 cups chopped figs | 1 teaspoon baking
powder |
| 2 1/4 cups chopped dates | 1/4 teaspoon soda |
| 2 cups chopped walnuts | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 cup orange juice | 2 teaspoons cinnamon |
| 1 cup prune juice (use juice
from cooked prunes) | 1/2 teaspoon cloves |
| 1 cup honey | 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1 cup oil | 1/2 teaspoon allspice |
| 1 1/2 cups raw or brown sugar | |

Prepare the fruit, cover with fruit juices and honey and *let stand overnight*.

Line three 9 x 5 bread pans with brown paper and oil the paper.

Sift all the dry ingredients.

Mix honey, oil and sugar in a *large* mixing bowl. Add eggs and beat until smooth.

Add the fruit mixture and nuts and mix well. Add the sifted dry ingredients in two additions, mixing well after each addition so that all the flour is moistened.

Fill each of the three pans about 1/2 full of cake batter.

Bake in slow oven (275°) about three hours.

Cool in pans. Remove from pan. Peel off paper.

Wrap in brandy-soaked cloth (place cloth on a plate, pour brandy over cloth until it becomes moist.) Store in covered container in cool place.

There is a canned brown dessert type bread on the market which contains no shortening. This could be spread with cream cheese to add a finishing touch to your meal.

What to Drink

Last of all, there is the question of what to serve to drink. Beside the fruit or tomato juice which has already been mentioned, you can use powdered skim milk for milk drinks if you have no way of keeping fresh milk. You can mix mashed bananas or other fruit into the milk along with honey to taste and have "milk-shakes." Lemon-ade and orange-ade made with freshly-squeezed or canned juices are always acceptable. On occasion, wine used in moderation will add a festive air.

Bottled punches artificially colored and flavored or powdered mixes such as Kool-aid should not be drunk. Their wholesomeness is certainly questionable and the effect of the artificial colorings used in them is definitely not above suspicion. The same is true of "pops" and "cokes."

Tea and coffee may be used in moderation. They definitely are known to contain two or three substances which, if taken in moderation, the body may rid itself of, but large quantities of these can overburden the body.

(To be continued.)

You Should Know

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throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by a statute ["ordinance" is not the correct translation] FOR EVER" (Ex. 12:14).

"And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore [as a MEMORIAL] shall ye observe this day in your generations by a statute ["ordinance" is not correct] FOR EVER" (Ex. 12:17). In this chapter, verse 24, the passover is again referred to: "And ye shall observe this for a statute to thee and to thy sons FOR EVER!"

In Exodus 13:10 the Feast of Unleavened Bread is commanded to be observed "in his season from year to year." As long as a new year occurs this festival is to be observed!

Notice what the Bible states about the Day of Atonement: "And this shall be a statute FOR EVER unto you: that in the

seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work" (Lev. 16:29). And verse 31: "It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute FOR EVER."

Concerning the Feast of Pentecost: "And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you, ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute FOR EVER in all your dwellings throughout your generations" (Lev. 23:21). Israel's generations are still continuing. Most of you are of Israel!

Again, "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a MEMORIAL of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation [verse 24]. Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement [verse 27]. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute FOR EVER throughout your generations in all your dwellings" (Lev. 23:31).

The Feast of Tabernacles is mentioned

in verse 41 of this same chapter: "And ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year. It shall be a statute FOR EVER in your generations."

Notice! Here are God's annual festivals COMMANDED FOREVER—throughout the generations of Israel. Israel's generations are still continuing. *The manner of observing the days is different now than under the Levitical priesthood, but the days are still to be observed—still to be kept holy—no servile work to be done in them!*

These verses mean what they say!

In every one of these scriptures God means exactly what He inspired the writers of the Bible to record for us! When He declares a law to be everlasting HE MEANS IT!

NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE WERE PHYSICAL SACRIFICES COMMANDED TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PEOPLE FOREVER! People have merely taken for granted that the Bible says so! But it is not true!

No stronger proof than these nine verses can be given that the Church of God must keep holy these days God made

holy! Yet in not one of these places is any mention made of physical sacrifices being commanded forever.

As final proof we have the New Testament example of Christ and of Paul and the inspired New Testament Church. They kept holy these days God made holy. The true New Testament Church has continued to keep holy these days. Together with the sabbath they constitute the very SIGN by which we are known as the PEOPLE of God!

A COLLECTIVE Duty

It is a *collective* duty of the New Testament Church of God to observe the Feast of Tabernacles. It is not an individual matter. It is *most* vital that all members understand this!

YOU, as an individual member, are not responsible for determining where or when the *whole* Church shall assemble. If you were, then God would be using you as His direct instrument for determining *where* all other members should assemble. God would be ruling the Church through you!

God has not left it for the individual member to decide *when* the Church shall assemble. God Himself has set aside His Holy Sabbath, sanctified and hallowed the seventh day of every week.

Is it permissible for *you*, as an individual member, to decide that the *whole Church* shall meet on Tuesdays or Sundays? Of course *not*. Put that way it seems ridiculous. To keep any different day and profane GOD's day which *HE* appointed is a basic SIN!

God sets the *time* for the annual festivals. In like manner GOD sets the *PLACE*!

Only *God* can sanctify—set apart—a place to which all His people are to assemble. *God* determines where we are to assemble! But how can the Church know which is the place God has chosen for the Feast of Tabernacles?

How and to whom does He reveal it?

Since observing the Feast is a collective matter, *who has the authority to bind God's choice of a place on the whole Church?* Is the individual member given the power to bind all other members—the power to rule the Church—in this matter?

What is the New Testament way by which *God rules* His Church, by which *God keeps unity* among the members so that all may collectively assemble in harmony at the locations He has chosen for the Feast of Tabernacles?

Christ the LIVING RULER of His Church

God *RULES* His Church—the Church of God—through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Head of the Church, not some man!

Jesus rules from Heaven!

But how does Jesus reveal His decisions to the Church on earth?

Where, in the Bible, do we find *HOW* Jesus governs His Church? What is the instrumentality by which Jesus, who is in Heaven, carries out His will on earth? Notice the Bible answer:

God "hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers..." (1 Cor. 12:28)—or, as in Ephesians 4:11-14, some are "apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry... till we all come in the unity of the faith"—that is, unity in doctrine or belief—"that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine..." Christ rules and governs His Church through those whom He has chosen as His ministers and His instruments for administering HIS AUTHORITY, for the very purpose of preventing false doctrine creeping in to divide and to destroy the flock—for the very purpose of keeping UNITY in the Church.

It is to the ministry of God's Church that Christ said: "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven..." (Matt. 18:18). It is not through individual members, but through His ministry, that *God* reveals where He wants us to assemble. It is through the ministry that He *binds His choice* of the place on the whole Church.

Thus God reveals through His ministers the place He sets apart to which HIS WHOLE CHURCH IS TO ASSEMBLE! When individual members attempt to determine and to decide for themselves which place God has chosen they make themselves competitors and enemies of God's Church and of God's government in it. They stir up dissension, cause division, and thus put themselves out of the Church.

The individual must first determine for himself—must satisfy himself—as to which is the one true Church of God, and then he must be subject to the government of God in His Church. This he must voluntarily submit to. He ought, however, to know *HOW* God's Church is led to recognize the place God has chosen for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Not Jerusalem Today

Notice the Book of Zechariah. The one feast in the Millennium which all will be required to attend in one place at first is the Feast of Tabernacles! "And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem"—and all nations will come against Jerusalem—"shall even go up from year to year... to keep the Feast

of Tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16).

In the Millennium even the Gentiles will be required to assemble at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

But *Jerusalem* is NOT NOW the place which God has chosen. Jesus said: "The hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain (where the false Samaritan worship was centered), nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father" (John 4:21). God rejected Jerusalem after 69 A.D. He withdrew His name from it. It is at the second coming of Jesus Christ that "the Lord... shall choose Jerusalem again" (Zech. 2:12).

Jesus Leads Our Church Today

All our older brethren have learned from past issues of *The Good News* how *God* chose areas near Gladewater, Texas, and near London, England, and led His Church to assemble there for the Feast of Tabernacles. *No other places in the United States or England were chosen for the Feast of Tabernacles—NOT EVEN PASADENA, the Headquarters Church.*

For years there was *one* place in the United States and Canada!

Jesus leads His Church—this Church. We are the Church of God. Since Jesus never changes, we find Him leading the Church today in exactly the same manner as He did in apostolic times. He is leading His ministers today to know where the festivals of God ought to be held, just as He led the apostles and ministers in old times to know where God's people should meet.

God provided in His law for us to save the SECOND TITHE so that we all could journey to a central place for the Feast of Tabernacles.

For years Gladewater was centrally located from east to west. Economically it was centrally located from north to south, for the majority of our brethren who had low incomes lived in the region of the Southern states.

Certainly God is the all-wise God, and Jesus is the living Head of His Church today!

But the Church of God has grown so in the past year that now Jesus has had to open up to His true Church *another* place for the Feast of Tabernacles—at Squaw Valley, California. The brethren simply *could not any longer* afford to build all the needed facilities near Gladewater. It became apparent to the Church this year that for the first time we all could not continue assembling at Gladewater and that a new area in addition to Gladewater—just as we had London and Sydney—was needed. *Jesus Christ made the choice.* He revealed it. We now must do what He commands through His servants—His Ministry.

Brethren, let's all be at the Feast of Tabernacles this autumn wherever held.