

## The Feast of Tabernacles - Leviticus 23:33-44; Deut. 8

### I. PURPOSE & PRACTICE OF FEAST OF TABERNACLES

V. 43 - this feast commemorates the time Israel wandered in the wilderness.

Several other traditions had been added to the Tabernacles celebration:

1. The Water-pouring celebration - "Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." - Isaiah 12:3

2. The Temple-Lighting Ceremony - Symbolized the light of God's Truth.

3. Simchat Torah - "The Rejoicing of the Law."

3 special celebrations: The \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation; the light of God's \_\_\_\_\_; celebrating God's \_\_\_\_\_.

DEUT. 8 There are some things you learn in the wilderness -

God will \_\_\_\_\_ you - v. 2

God will provide for you, perhaps in unusual ways - v. 15b, 16, 4

If you disobey Him, disaster follows - v. 19,20

If you \_\_\_\_\_ Him, Promised Land follows!

### II. JESUS AND TABERNACLES

A. Scholars believe that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ on or during the Feast of Tabernacles.

B. The feast Jesus attended in John 7 was the Feast of Tabernacles

The water-pouring ceremony - John 7:37-39

The temple-lighting ceremony - John 8:12

### III. PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT OF TABERNACLES

In the Millennium, when Christ comes back and lives again on this earth. Rev. 21:3 "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'now the dwelling (tabernacle) of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.'"

In Zechariah 14:16 it says that during the Millennium all the nations will gather at Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Tabernacles.

### IV. PRESENT REALITY OF TABERNACLES

Are you aware of the presence of God in your life?

In Jn. 14:23 Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love Him, and we will come to him and make Our home with him."

Are you living the reality of the feast of tabernacles? Are you in the wilderness, living in tabernacles? Remember the lessons God wants to teach you there.

