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## SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 23:1-4, 23-25
- Genesis 1:14
- Colossians 2:16-17
- I Cor. 15:50-54; Rev. 10:5-7
- Philippians 2:9-11
- Proverbs 18:21

## SOBER AND WATCHING

### THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

- The Biblical Calendar
- Shadows of things to come!
- The Feast of Trumpets
- The Ten Days of Awe
- Diseases of the Tongue

*“Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years.” It’s easy to miss. The cycles of the sun and the moon are given for seasons, and for days and years. But, what are the signs? Y’shua rebuked religious leaders for not knowing.*

*“Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.” Can you discern the signs of the times? Paul assumed you could; “But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night... We are not of the night nor of darkness.*

*Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober and watching.” For what signs should you be watching?*

*The yearly cycle of Biblical Feasts is precisely to which Yahweh, Y’shua, and Paul are referring. The Feasts are God’s prophetic calendar for mankind’s history and future. However, if you don’t prioritize their prophetic significance, tragically, you won’t be able to tell what time it is; you won’t be capable of recognizing the signs of the times. Worse yet, you won’t even know what signs to watch for. In the coming weeks we will look at the Fall Biblical Feast cycle by starting with the Feast of Trumpets. Synchronize your calendar and you will know perfectly well what time it is!*

### **PROPHETIC SEED:**

“And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts.**’... “These are the feasts of Yahweh, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.” Leviticus 23:1-2, 4 NKJV

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘**In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.**’ You shall do no customary work on

it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.' ""

Leviticus 23:23-25 NKJV

### **PROPHETIC FRUIT:**

“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **For you yourselves know perfectly** that the **day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night...** [But] we are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but **let us watch and be sober.**” (I Thessalonians 5:1-2, 4-6)

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound,** and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” I Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV

### **This Week is Feasts of Trumpets: Sober and Watching**

1. A review of the biblical calendar and the broken clock.
2. Biblical Feast Apologetics: Y’shua in the Feasts and their significance for Christians.
3. The Feast of Trumpets: Prophetic imagery; What should you be looking for beforehand?
4. After the Feast of Trumpets: What’s next?

## Fall Feasts (2023)

1. **Trumpets:** Friday, Sept. 15 at sundown (teach Sept. 15)
2. **Yom Kippur:** Sunday, Sept. 24 at sundown (teach Sept. 22)
3. **Tabernacles:** Friday, Sept. 29 at sundown; ends Oct. 7 at sundown (teach Sept. 29)
4. **Simchat Torah:** Friday, sundown, Oct. 6 (teach Oct. 6)
5. **Vision Week for Next Year:** The Roman's Road, Oct. 13

## THE BIBLICAL CALENDAR

### 1. The Hebrew Months and Year

#### A. The Sun and the Moon (a calendar lesson)

(1) For signs and seasons, and for days and years...

(a) Right from the start...

1. "Then God said, "Let there be **lights in the firmament** of the heavens to **divide the day from the night**; and let them be for **signs** and **seasons**, and for **days** and **years**;" Genesis 1:14 NKJV

- a) Solar Year = 365.25 days (dictates the 4 seasons)
- b) Lunar Month = 29.53059 days (x 12 = 354.37)
- c) One solar year (365.25 days) - 12 lunar months (354.37 days) = a deficit of 10.88 days each year
- d) As such, it won't take long before the months no longer coincide and align with the seasons.

- e) How can this deficit be reconciled if the first month of the year begins nearly 11 days earlier year upon year?
- f) **Enter the Aviv Barley:** Because the seasons are constant (dictated by the Solar Year) and DO NOT change (including the growing season), if the barley will not be ready to be harvested in the Spring, for the Firstfruits offering after Passover in the first month of the year (Nisan), then that year a 13th month is added (**\*a leap year**), to reset the calendar to align the Feasts with the seasons.
- g) Passover is **always** in the first month in the Spring and if you lose 10+ days each year, then every few years the barley will simply not be “aviv” (soon ready to be harvested).

## **B. The Months**

- (1) September—December (9-12) vs. (7-10)
  - (a) Sept = Seven (yet September is our 9th month)
  - (b) Oct = Eight (yet October is our 10th month)
  - (c) Nov = Nine (yet November is our 11th month)
  - (d) Dec = Ten (yet December is our 12th month)
- (2) Why? Because they actually correspond to the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th months of the Hebrew calendar.

- (a) The Seven Feasts (Holy Convocations) in Leviticus 23 align with the Hebrew (Biblical) calendar not our \*Gregorian (Pope Gregory) calendar.

1. *\*The Gregorian calendar (used in most of the world) is named after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582. The calendar assigns an arbitrary number of days to each month (28, 30, or 31) and spaces \***leap years** every 4th year to accommodate for the 365.2422-day tropical year, determined by the Earth's revolution around the Sun. That, as you know, is the year we add a day to the month of February!*

### **C. The Feast Cycle and the Journey and Destination**

- (1) If you can envision one of the great *super-patterns* throughout the Bible (*the Journey and the destination*), your understanding of the Bible will explode exponentially. It is the Journey from Captivity—through the Wilderness—and into the Promised Land.
- (2) When you overlay the journey with the Biblical Feast cycle you get exponential revelation.
- a) The narrative at the first *Passover* takes place while Israel is in *captivity*.
  - b) They exit Egypt as a “new born people” and face the *wilderness* journey, during which they receive the law

on the day of *Shavuot* (the Feast of Weeks), what Christians know as *Pentecost*.

c) From there, they journey to the *Promised Land*!

(3) Now Overlay the Feasts: there are...

a) The Spring Feasts

1. Passover: **Death** of the firstborn

2. Unleavened Bread: **Burial** in the Wilderness

3. First Fruits: **Resurrection** of a new People/new creation

4. Shavuot/Pentecost: Giving of the the Law/**Holy Spirit**

5. ...and then into the Promised Land! What's in the Promised land?

b) The Fall Feasts

1. Feast of Trumpets: You blow trumpets to go to war/**the return of Christ**.

2. Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement: **judgement day**

3. Tabernacles: a time of rest and rejoicing after judgement and victory/ruling and reigning with Christ (**The Millennial Kingdom**).

4. The Eight Day of Tabernacles: **Eternity**/a New Name (Simchat Torah/the Joy of the Law)

c) **Can you recognize Christ in the Journey and Destination and Feast Cycle?** (Captivity) Death

(Wilderness) Burial/Resurrection/Holy Spirit (Promised Land) Return/Judgement/Kingdom/Eternity

SHADOWS OF THINGS TO COME!

## 2. Feast Apologetics

### A. What are shadows of things to come?

(1) [Let No One Judge You?](#) (Colossians 2:16-23)

(a) Legalism vs. Christ

1. “So **let no one judge you** in food or in drink, or regarding a **festival** or a **new moon** or **sabbaths**, which are a **shadow** of things to come, **but the substance is of Christ.**” Colossians 2:16-17 NKJV

(b) So don't let anyone of these, of whom He made a \*public spectacle, judge you!

1. \*Reverse one verse and see: “***Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.***” Colossians 2:15 NKJV (see: [Nailed to the Cross](#))

a) Judge you by doing what? Wrong way of...

- 1) ...instituting the laws of food and drink...
- 2) ...instituting the new moon or the feasts...
- 3) ...instituting the Sabbaths...



- (c) These have real life **applications**, but also have greater **implications** by serving as shadows of things to come...
1. "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: '**The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.**'" Lev. 23:1-2 NKJV
  2. which are a **shadow** of things to come, **but the substance is of Christ.**" Colossians 2:17 NKJV
    - a) There are prophetic shadow pictures of each of the above laws (Feasts, New Moons, Sabbaths).
    - b) The Seven Biblical Feasts foreshadow Christ (First and Second Coming).
    - c) The New Moons remind us of the schedule God instituted to chart His Biblical Calendar (months and years). The month begins with the new moon.
    - d) The Sabbaths (notice the plural), point both to the **weekly Sabbath** (rehearsed weekly), a declaration of faith and trust in God, rest and holiness, and the **yearly Sabbaths** that are related to the Holy Days commanded during the Seven Yearly Feasts.
    - e) Prophetic Shadows
      - 1) Passover: Death of Christ as the Passover Lamb
      - 2) Unleavened Bread: Burial

- 3) First Fruits: Resurrection
- 4) Shavuot (Pentecost): Coming of the Holy Spirit
- 5) Trumpets: His second coming (the last trumpet).
- 6) Yom Kippur: His judgment of the world.
- 7) Tabernacles: the Millennial Kingdom (we rule and reign with Him for 1000 years). The eighth day of Tabernacles is the Feast of Simchat Torah, also a Sabbath, the joy of God's commands into eternity (eight=infinity/eternity/new beginnings).

(d) **You see:** let no one judge about these things if their perspective is not Christ, in other words, "Let no one judge you but..."

1. ...the \*substance is of Christ!

a) What does that even mean? \*substance [is] of Christ?

- 1) The Feasts, New Moons, and Sabbaths ARE about Christ, so no one should judge you who does not see Christ in them.
- 2) What about those who do see Christ in them?
- 3) If it is all about Christ, and you are NOT making them about Christ, or you are ignoring them altogether, what then?

(e) But the \*substance \*\*is of Christ...

1. \*substance = body
2. \*is = a word added for clarification (or an agenda)
3. Get ready to be knocked into another universe... **“Let no one judge you BUT THE BODY OF CHRIST!”**
4. Let’s break it down: Let no one judge you...
  - a) Substance means body... “But the body is of Christ!”
  - b) And the word “is” is not actually in the verse in Greek. It was added for clarity because “But the substance of Christ!” makes no sense.
  - c) But do you know what does make sense? Change “substance” to “body” and remove the “is” that does not belong there and you get. “But the body of Christ!”
  - d) Let no one judge you about God’s laws, especially not those hypocrites that don’t believe in Jesus, who make up their own laws and try to convince us we must obey them to be saved! (*Those principalities and powers He made a public spectacle of.*)
  - e) No! Don’t let anyone judge you EXCEPT THE BODY OF CHRIST!
  - f) Yes, the church is SUPPOSED to judge the church.

- 1) “For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? **Do you not judge those who are inside?** But those who are outside God judges. Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”” I Corinthians 5:12-13 NKJV

(f) Greek Proof

1. “Substance: body (**sōma**) [body, flesh; the body of the Church]
2. “Is of” is really just the definite article “the” belongs to (**tou**)
3. In other words, it says in Greek, the body the Christ,, which in English is the BODY OF CHRIST.
4. Don’t let anyone judge you but the Body of Christ!
5. What a twisted mess just to get you to believe Jesus nailed the laws of His Father to the cross!

## THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS (HIS RETURN)

### 3. The New Year? 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (on the new moon).

#### A. (Rosh Hashanah) Why new year?

- (1) Exodus 12:2 and Passover? “It shall be **the first month** of the year to you”?)
- (2) Two New Years (the former rain and the latter rain)

(a) *“Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— **The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.**” Joel 2:23 NKJV*

- 1) The Spring Feast Cycle & the Fall Feast Cycle
- 2) Both have their own “first months.”
- 3) The Spring Feasts begin in the first month of the biblical calendar corresponding to April(ish) in the modern Gregorian calendar to which we adhere.
- 4) The Fall Feasts begin in the seventh month of the biblical calendar corresponding to September(ish) in the modern Gregorian calendar to which we adhere, but also considered the first month of the second half of the biblical year.

(3) The Feasts of Trumpets (the first day of the seventh month)

- (a) Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the **seventh month, on the first day of the month**, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation**. You shall do no customary work *on it*; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.’” (Leviticus 23:23-25)

1. First day of seventh month: the only feast that occurs on the first day of the month. You must spot the new moon to find this Feast.
  2. Why is this prophetically significant?
  3. Because no one knows the day or the hour the feast will begin, until the moon is spotted.
  4. In other words, no one knows the day or the hour that the feast which foreshadows Christ's return will take place, so you must be SOBER & WATCHING!
- (b) The Noon Moon: You must be sober and watching (prepared) to spot the new moon.
1. **“At the beginnings of your months** you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish;” Numbers 28:11 NKJV...
  2. “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a **festival** or a **new moon** or sabbaths.” Colossians 2:16 NKJV
  3. **“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour** your Lord is coming?” Matthew 24:36-44
- (c) The Payoff: Obedience first, then revelation
1. “He who **has My commandments** and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be

loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest**  
[**show, reveal**] Myself to him.”” John 14:21 NKJV

## **B. Obedience Yields Revelation**

### (1) Times and Season and Thieves

- (a) “But concerning the **times and the seasons**, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a **thief in the night**. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then **sudden destruction comes upon them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** You are all **sons of light** and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **For God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. **Therefore comfort each**

**other and edify one another**, just as you also are doing.”

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 NKJV

1. Times and the seasons—Biblical Feasts
2. The Lord **suddenly** comes as a **thief in the night to destroy...**
3. **Destroy who?** Those in darkness; those not sober and watching; those who don't know the times and seasons.
4. **Is that you?** You, brethren, **are not in darkness**, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are **all sons of light**; not of the night nor of darkness.
5. **Therefore** let us not sleep, as others *do*, but **let us watch and be sober.**
6. **God did not appoint us to wrath!** (Note: the tribulation experienced because of Satan's war against the Saints, as detailed in Revelation, is NOT God's wrath, but the wrath of Satan.)

**(2) No one knows the day or the hour—WATCH THEREFORE**

- (a) **“But of that day and hour no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **But as the days of Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the



day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. **Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, **he would have watched** and not allowed his house to be broken into. **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**" Matthew 24:36-44 NKJV

1. But of that day and hour no one knows...
2. **Why?** Because Trumpets is the only Biblical Feast you must watch out for. You must look for the spotting of the new moon on the first day of the month!
3. And just as the days of Noah *were* (**when the flood suddenly came upon them!**), so also will the coming of the Son of Man be, at time you must be watching (**when the Son suddenly appears!**). (Note: Noah was prepared; those in darkness WERE NOT!)
4. Some will be ready, some will not be ready! **Two men will be in the field:** one will be taken and the other

left. **Two women will be grinding at the mill:** one will be taken and the other left.

(b) Admonition

1. **Watch therefore**, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
2. If you did, you'd be prepared and the thief would not come as a surprise in the night. Because you would have been watching (for the New Moon/Feast of Trumpets)!
3. Therefore you also **be ready** [*sober and watching*], for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**C. The Last Trumpet Blast (His Second Coming)**

**(1) In a Moment...**

- (a) “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, **\*I tell you a mystery:** We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, \*\*at the last trumpet**. **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this

**corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “**Death is swallowed up in victory.**” I Corinthians 15:50-54 NKJV

1. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed
2. WHEN? in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
3. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
4. Death is swallowed up in victory.
5. WHEN? This is the Second Coming of Y’shua at the Feast of Trumpets.

**(2) When is that \*\*Last Trumpet? \*When is that mystery complete?**

- (a) “The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, **but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel** [the seventh and last

trumpet], **when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets.” Revelation 10:5-7 NKJV

1. **Trumpets 1-6:** Revelation 8:7-9:21
2. At some point there will be no more delay. When?
3. The days of the **sounding of the seventh angel**, [THE LAST TRUMPET]
4. At that moment, all **the mysteries of The Almighty would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets.
5. In other words, the day the last angel blows his last Trumpet... Christ Will return (I Corinthians 15:51-52) and the mysteries of God are over!

## THE TEN DAYS OF AWE

### 4. Ten Days Between...

#### A. ...the Trumpet Blast and the Day of Judgement (Yom Kippur)

- (1) [The Days of Awe:](#) (website to learn about Judaism)
  - (a) The ten days from Rosh Hashanah (The Feast of Trumpets) to Yom Kippur, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance. This name appears in sources from the Land of Israel, including the Jerusalem Talmud.

1. The concept of these days, as a special unit of time in the Jewish year, dates at least to the third century BCE. Rabbi Yohanan, who lived in the Land of Israel during that period, **describes his conception** of divine judgment and inscription in this season.

(2) Three Ultimate Fates

- (a) “Three books are opened in heaven, **\*one for the completely wicked, \*\*one for the completely righteous and \*\*\*one for those in between.** The completely righteous are immediately inscribed in the book of life. The completely wicked are immediately inscribed in the book of death. **The fate of those in between is suspended until Yom Kippur.** If they do well, they are inscribed in the book of life. If not, in the book of death”.

1. **Food for Thought:** In my opinion these three fates are perfectly described by Paul; *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those **\*\*in heaven**, and of those **\*\*\*on earth**, and of those **\*under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*

*to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11*  
NKJV

2. Three People Groups (Three Human Destinies)

- a) \*Those **under the earth:** completely wicked (Hell)
- b) \*\*Those **in heaven:** completely righteous (Heaven)
- c) \*\*\*Those **on earth:** those in between (still dependent on Yom Kippur) (Earth)

(3) The Ten Days of Repentance are seen as an opportunity for change.

- (a) Since the extremes of complete righteousness and complete wickedness **are few and far between**, Rosh Hashanah [The Feast of Trumpets] functions, for the majority of people, as the opening of a trial that extends until Yom Kippur.

- 1. However, as Christians we know the path to complete righteousness, by way of Y'shua's righteousness, was implanted in us as a gift.
- 2. *“Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”*  
Romans 5:1 NKJV
- 3. *“For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”*  
Ephesians 2:8 NKJV

4. *“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God **for Israel** is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they **being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end [goal] of the law for righteousness** to everyone who believes.”*

Romans 10:1-4 NKJV

- (b) It is an unusual trial. Most trials are intended to determine responsibility for past deeds. This one, however, has an added dimension: determining **what can be done about future deeds.**
1. Does this not speak to Y’shua’s forgiveness for past and future sins?
  2. *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.**”* Hebrews 9:27-28 NKJV
- (c) The Ten Days of Repentance are crucial to the outcome of the trial, since our verdict is determined both by our

attitude toward our misdeeds and by our attempts to rectify them by changing ourselves.

1. **Special Note:** Even though, as a child of God, your ultimate fate is sealed, and your past, present and future sins are atoned for, you still have options on your journey to choose wickedness or righteousness on every turn.
2. “For **we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.** For what I am doing, I do not understand. **For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.**” Romans 7:14-15 NKJV
3. Yom Kippur, and all the imagery associated with it, gives you the opportunity to PRACTICE along the way—don’t pass up the opportunities!

## DISEASES OF THE TONGUE

### 5. You Will Never Speak Evil Words Again

#### A. Recommend Video

- (1) I can’t think of a better topic to stir our repentant hearts than this one. Trust me; it is well worth the 16 minutes of your life. It is unlikely you will reach the end without being changed.



(a) **Watch here:** [You Will Never Speak Evil Words Again](#)

**B. Transcript of the above video (if you'd rather read).**

(1) DISEASES OF THE TONGUE (You will never speak evil words again!)

(a) Proverbs 18:21 says, "The tongue can bring death or life. Those who love to talk will reap the consequences. The right use of the tongue will impart life and conversely, the wrong use will impart death."

1. We will be looking at specific diseases that affect our tongues.

(b) These diseases commonly infect our lives through the misuse of our tongues and in some cases can be fatal if left unchecked.

**1. Number one, excessive talking.**

a) This disease is so common that people accept it as normal when it is not.

b) Proverbs 10:19, "We see that too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut."

c) Another version of the same scripture verse reads, "When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise."

d) In other words, if you say too much, you are bound to say something wrong. There is no

alternative. We are also warned in the Bible not to use too many words toward God Himself. This is a warning that most of us need to hear.

- e) This admonition is found in Ecclesiastes 5:1 and 2: As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God.
- f) Don't make rash promises and don't be hasty in bringing matters before God. After all, God is in heaven and you are here on Earth.
- g) So let your words be few. If you are not going to give your life to God, do not tell him that you are surrendering all because God is going to hold you to account for the words you speak in his presence.
- h) A little further on in the same chapter, the Bible indicates that an angel records what we say when speaking, praying or worshiping.
- i) One day, we will be confronted by that angel and the record of what we have said. Then the Bible says it will be too late to say, "I didn't mean it," because we will be held accountable for all we have said, sung or prayed. One day, those words

are going to be held up before us and we are going to have to answer for them if we have been insincere and have not lived according to the things we have said.

- j) In Ecclesiastes 5:3, we read, "Too much activity gives you restless dreams. Too many words make you a fool." To use too many words is the mark of a fool.
- k) The King James version of Ecclesiastes 5:3 is even blunter, "For a dream cometh through the multitude of business and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words."
- l) When you hear a person continually talking, you need no other evidence. That person is a fool.
- m) What is the root problem? I believe it is restlessness. Compare that to what James said in James 3:8, "But no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison."
- n) People who are always talking are restless. Excessive talking is a sure indication of someone whose heart is not at rest.

## **2. Number two, idle or careless words.**

- a) In Matthew 12:36, Jesus said, "And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak."
- 1) One day, we are going to have to answer for every word we have spoken. We are going to have to answer for words that were idle, insincere, that we did not mean that we were not prepared to stand behind or that were not worked out in our lives.
  - 2) In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus stated the following in Matthew 5:37, "Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one." This is an astonishing statement. If we say more than we mean than the exaggeration in our speech comes from the evil one.
  - 3) Let's sum it up in just one simple word of advice. If you don't mean it, don't say it. If you follow that one rule, I promise you it will change your whole life. You will be a different and much better person.

### **3. Number three, gossip.**

- a) Leviticus 19:16 says, "Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people."
- 1) Going about spreading slander, idle, untrue, exaggerated, malicious talk is gossip.
  - 2) The very title of Satan in the New Testament, the word rendered devil means a slanderer in Greek.
  - 3) That is its root meaning and the main description of Satan in the Bible.
  - 4) If you gossip or tell tales, you are actually doing the devil's work for him. You are a representative of Satan.
  - 5) Not only must we be careful not to give out gossip but we also have a responsibility not to receive gossip.
  - 6) Proverbs 18:8 says, "Rumors are dainty morsels that sink deep into one's heart."
  - 7) How true this is of human nature. When we hear something about someone that is bad or shows them in a bad light, something in the human heart rejoices. Be careful so that when one of those choice morsels of gossip is placed in front of you, you do not swallow it. They are

poisoned. They taste sweet but they poison us.

And as we receive these morsels of gossip in our hearts, our lives will become poisoned by them.

- 8) Proverbs 20:19 says, "A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers."
  - 9) See how closely these various diseases are related? If you listen to gossip, you become an accessory after the fact. If you receive somebody who has stolen something and accepts those stolen goods from them, then in legal terms, you become an accessory after the fact.
  - 10) So, if you entertain gossip and listen to their words, you become an accessory to the gossip.
  - 11) This is what Psalm 15:1 through 3 says: Who may worship in your sanctuary Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts. Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.
- b) There are various requirements for access to God's presence to dwell on His holy hill.

- 1) We must walk with integrity.
  - 2) We must work righteousness.
  - 3) We must speak the truth in our hearts.
- c) Then three things we must not do are listed.
- 1) We must not slander with our tongues,
  - 2) We must not do evil to our neighbors.
  - 3) Also, we must not take up a reproach or receive a reproach against our friends.
- d) It is not enough that we do not slander. We must not receive the slanderer.
- 1) We must not take up a reproach against someone whom we know. We must not eat those choice morsels of the gossip because they are poison and they poison many relationships.

#### **4. Number four, lying.**

- a) We need to be careful that we use the right word to describe this disease of the tongue. It is vital that every one of us be very careful not to be found guilty of lying.
- 1) In Proverbs 6:16 through 19, we see seven things that the Lord hates.
  - 2) Hate is a very strong word.

- b) This is what it says: There are six things the Lord hates. No, seven things He detests.
  - 1) Haughty eyes
  - 2) A lying tongue
  - 3) Hands that kill the innocent
  - 4) A heart that plots evil
  - 5) Feet that race to do wrong
  - 6) A false witness who pours out lies
  - 7) A person who sows discord in a family
- c) Out of those seven specific things that the Lord hates, there are three that are related to the tongue.
  - 1) First, a lying tongue.
  - 2) Second, a false witness.
  - 3) Third, a person who sows discord in a family.
- d) So out of seven things that the Lord hates, there are three that affect the tongue, and out of those three, two are connected explicitly with lying.
  - 1) This is stated again in Proverbs 12:22, "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth."
  - 2) In this verse, we have two sets of opposites. We have the word detest, and the word delight. The



Lord detests lying lips. He delights in those who tell the truth. There is nothing in between.

- e) Then we have the other two opposites, lying and truth. Again, there is nothing in between.
  - 1) If it is not truthful, it is a lie. If it is a lie, the Lord detests it. If it is truthful, the Lord delights in it.
  - 2) Our problem is that we have so many gray areas in our thinking, but I question whether those gray areas are found in the Bible.
  - 3) If I traced to its source, every lie comes from the devil. That is a frightening thought, but I will back it up with the words of Jesus Himself. Speaking to the religious leaders of His day, Jesus said in John 8:44: For you are the children of your father, the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character. For he is a liar and the father of lies. Every time a lie passes through our lips, it comes from the devil.

- f) One more significant frightening fact about the disease of lying is that unless the disease is arrested and healed, it is fatal.
- 1) Revelation 21:8 says: But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars, their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.
  - 2) Notice the groups of people, cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral.
  - 3) those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars.
  - 4) The result of that disease is incurable. There is no way out. Their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.
  - 5) Once a person is consigned to that second death, it is ultimate. I repeat what I said, unless this disease of lying is arrested and healed, it is sure to be fatal.
  - 6) Revelation 22:15 speaks about the city of God. Outside the city are the dogs, the sorcerers, the

sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie.

- 7) So each of us must determine, am I willing to be healed of this disease of lying? Or am I prepared to lose my soul forever? Unless arrested and healed, the disease of lying is ultimately fatal.

**5. Number five, flattery.**

- a) Psalm 12:1 through 3 says: Help oh Lord, for the godly are fast disappearing. The faithful have vanished from the earth. Neighbors lie to each other speaking with flattering lips and deceitful hearts. May the Lord cut off their flattering lips and silence their boastful tongues.
  - 1) In this scripture, David was speaking about a state of moral decline in the human race.
  - 2) I believe it is not unlike what we see around us today. Godly men are difficult to find. The faithful have vanished.
- b) What is the result?
  - 1) Neighbors lie to each other speaking with flattering lips and deceitful hearts. This scripture pronounces a judgment of God upon these

flattering lips. May the Lord cut off their  
flattering lips and silence their boastful tongues.

- 2) In Proverbs 26:28, we are warned, "A lying tongue hates its victims and a flattering words cause ruin."
- 3) If we listen and receive flattery, or if we become flatterers, the end is ruin.
- 4) Proverbs 29:5 says, "To flatter friends is to lay a trap for their feet."

**6. Number six, hastiness of speech.**

- a) Proverbs 29:20 says, "There is more hope for a fool than for someone who speaks without thinking."
  - 1) This verse says if we are hasty in our words, our condition is worse than that of a fool.
  - 2) This is a solemn statement because the Bible has nothing good to say about the fool. There is one example in the Bible of a man who was hasty in his words just once. And it tells of the price to cost him. The man was Moses.
  - 3) He was told by God to go ahead of the children of Israel, speak to a rock, and it would bring forth water, but he was so angry with the children of Israel that he said to them, "Listen,

you rebels." He shouted, "Must we bring you water from this rock?"

- 4) Numbers 20:10, "Then instead of speaking to the rock, he smote it."
- 5) Numbers 20:7 through 12: That act of disobedience expressed in hasty words cost him the privilege of leading the children of Israel into the promised land.
- 6) This is described in Psalm 106:32 and 33: At Meribah, too, they angered the Lord causing Moses serious trouble. They made Moses angry and he spoke foolishly. Notice the diagnosis, a provoked to spirit causes us to speak unadvisedly with our lips and these hasty words cost us many privileges and blessings.
- 7) If Moses had to pay that price for that one hasty statement, let us be aware that we do not also say things hastily that will cost us dearly in the spiritual realm.

b) Closing Prayer

- 1) Help me grow in my relationship with the Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, you promised, "But the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will

send in my name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you," John 14:26.

- 2) We thank you for all that you have provided us. Thank you for remaining faithful to us. Thank you for the redemption you gave us to return us to fellowship. We pray for the forgiveness of every sin that we have committed. In Jesus' name, amen.

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. What does Genesis 1:14 teach us about the sun and the moon and our calendar?**
  - A. What does the biblical calendar do to reconcile that twelve lunar months do not fit perfectly into the solar year? (Hint: Sermon notes page 4-6)
- 2. Compare a solar year to a lunar year:**
  - A. How does the discrepancy affect the calendar?
  - B. How are they both related to the four seasons?
  - C. How are they both related to the annual Biblical Feast cycle?
- 3. In Colossians 2:16-17 we are told to not anyone let anyone judge us over biblical festivals (amongst other things)?**

- A. There is one exception in verse 17, what is that? (Please refer to Pages 7-12 in the sermon notes for help.) Please explain.
- B. Who specifically is referred to in verse 15 that most definitely should not judge you? Please explain.
- C. Considering Leviticus 23:1-2 and Hebrews 8:5, what are the prophetic shadow pictures Biblical Feasts?

#### 4. **Trumpets (Sermon notes pages 12-19)**

- A. How do you find the Feast of Trumpets on the Calendar?
- B. Why is this holiday celebrated as the “New Year” (Rosh Hashanah) in Judaism?
- C. Why is it prophetically significant for Christians?
- D. How does it relate to Paul’s and Y’shua’s words in:
  - (1) **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11:** *“But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief?”*
  - (2) **1 Corinthians 50:50-54:** *“For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed?”*
  - (3) **Matthew 24:36-44:** *“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming?”*

#### 5. **In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 there is a great distinction between those in darkness and those in the light.** (Notes Pages 14-18)

- A. Please explain what each recognizes and does not recognize.
- B. What is the outcome for each?

- C. What is the admonition we should all heed as Christians?
- D. How might Matthew 24:36-44 be related to I Thessalonians 5:1-11?

**6. With everything you have learned in this study, write a short narrative explaining how the final trumpet of I Corinthians 15:50-54 and Revelation 10:5-7 are referring to the Feast of Trumpets.**

- A. Hint: consider Matthew 24:36-44 and I Thessalonians 5:1-11 in your answer.

### **This Week is Feasts of Trumpets: Sober and Watching**

1. A review of the biblical calendar and the broken clock.
2. Biblical Feast Apologetics: Y'shua in the Feasts and their significance for Christians.
3. Feasts of Trumpets: Prophetic imagery; What should you be looking for beforehand?
4. After The Feast of Trumpets: What's next?