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EDITORIAL

KEEPING THE FEAST

In the Jewish calendar year there were three great religious feasts. They were (1) The Feast of the Passover, held on the 14th day of the month Abib, (April), to commemorate the Exodus of Israel from Egypt; (2) The Feast of Weeks, beginning the 6th day of the month Sivan, (June), to commemorate the giving of the Law at Sinai; and (3) The Feast of Tabernacles, held from the 15th to the 22nd of the month Ethanim, (October), to commemorate God's care over Israel during their wilderness journeys.

These feasts were established by divine decree and were intended to preserve the spirit of unity and brotherhood among the Israelites as well as to perpetuate the memory of the goodness of God toward His chosen people. All the men of Israel were required to attend these annual religious gatherings. "Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord God in the place which He shall choose"; was the divine command. Neither the cares of home nor the concerns of business were to interfere. At the appointed times all the men were to assemble at Jerusalem for united religious worship.

"Thou shalt keep" was the first command of the Lord in respect to the Feasts. A faithful observance of the feasts and a faithful attendance upon them was an essential to the son of Abraham who would obey His God. Failure here would involve guilt and condemnation to the head of the home as well as spiritual loss to the household. And so the true Israelite would be found among the worshippers at the appointed time regardless of the expense and inconvenience the trip might involve.

"Thou shalt give" was a second requirement of the feasts. "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." No man was to come to the feasts empty-handed. Everyone was to bring a gift "according to the blessing of the Lord." The feast offerings were at once an expression of thanksgiving on the part of the worshipper and a contribution toward the support of the work of God among them. Thus every family had its share in the financial responsibility related to spiritual service.

"Thou shalt rejoice" was a third command to the Israelite. The feasts were times of praise

and thanksgiving when the worshippers gave honour and glory to God for blessings past and present. Instruments of music were brought forth and songs of praise employed the lips of the worshippers. The courts of the temple and the region in and round about the city resounded with the cry, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever."

"Thou shalt remember" was a fourth command related to the feasts. The worshippers were to recall the goodness of the Lord in delivering His people from Egyptian bondage, in giving the law and commandments for their instruction, for guiding them safely during the years of their wilderness wanderings, and for crowning their lives with tender mercies. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," was one of the songs of the sanctuary. This custom would assure the perpetuation of the favour of God towards Israel.

In many respects our annual Camp Meetings may be likened to the ancient feasts of Israel. If the Camp Meeting were likened to one of the feasts it might resemble the Feast of Weeks or Feast of Pentecost more closely than the others, but there is a very true sense in which the Camp Meeting could be regarded as a New Testament replica of all three Old Testament Feasts. This is especially true when the Camp Meeting is the only annual meeting of the church by which it is conducted.

Such is the case with our Beulah Camp. It is in a very special sense the Feast of the Lord to our church and its people. Here we meet once a year to mingle our voices in prayer and praise to the God of our salvation and to remember with thanksgiving the great deliverance which He has wrought in our behalf.

Attendance at the annual Alliance and Camp Meeting should be regarded as a "must". It should not be according to convenience but as a definite arrangement in our year's planning. The unity and progress of our work is strengthened and accelerated by every representation attendant at Beulah. "Keeping the feast" should be regarded as a sacred obligation.

The bringing of gifts is a proper part of our planning for Camp Meeting. Here we are informed of the needs of our work at home and abroad; here we are given the broader view of the programme for extending the work of the Kingdom. None of us should appear empty-handed before the Lord. "According to the blessing of the Lord" let us come to Beulah prepared to give. Our budgets are not intended to be the boundaries of our giving. God forbid that it should be so.

Praise and rejoicing is normal at Camp Meetings. Lacking this in our atmosphere we are without that which is a vital part of such an occasion. Don't come to Camp for staid and formal worship, come to "praise the Lord upon the psalter and an instrument of ten strings." May the Tabernacle, Hotel, Dormitories, and all the area round about echo and re-echo to the shouts of praise and rejoicing!

At Beulah we shall remember. The great provisions of redemption in Christ Jesus, the leading of the Lord in bringing our church with its message of holiness into being, the crises of personal salvation, and all the gracious leadings of the Lord we shall recall with thanksgiving. What blessed memories are revived at such a time as this!

The time of the Feast is near at hand. A few short weeks remain for planning and preparation. Let us look forward to a great convocation!

READY FOR HIS SECOND COMING

A story is told of a traveler who happened to come to a very beautiful garden. There were walks with flower borders and beds filled with bloom, graceful trees, every bit of the garden showing the most watchful care of the old gardener.

"Does your master come often to enjoy this lovely garden?" asked the visitor.

"He has not been here for twenty years," replied the faithful keeper.

"And yet you keep the garden all the while as though your master might come any time," said the traveler in surprise.

"I keep it as though he should come today, Sir, today," exclaimed the true gardener.

Would the garden of your heart be ready, if Jesus should come today?—Selected.

IT TAKES COURAGE

To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others do it.

To dress according to your income, and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy.

To live always according to your convictions.—The Trumpeter.

LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Havelock, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' name! Another year is drawing to a close, and Beulah time will soon be here.

We are grateful for God's mercies and blessings, both material and spiritual, with which we have been attended since last writing.

We have enjoyed our work with the good people of Havelock church during the last two years, and are looking forward with pleasure to another year of service with these people of God.

We have just completed a twelve day Evangelistic Campaign with Rev. R. T. Sellick, of Moncton, as our Evangelist. This is our second meeting this church year with Bro. Sellick. He seemed to excel himself in his proclamation of the Gospel of Full Salvation. The attendance and interest were above average during the week, with a house filled to capacity for the closing service. The services were marked and owned by the presence of God, nineteen making their way to an altar of prayer to be pardoned, reclaimed or sanctified.

We feel the spirit of revival is still with us, and pray that those who are still hesitating will soon yield their hearts to God.

Trusting to see you all at Beulah,

Yours for souls,

M. M. and MRS. GRANT.

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes.
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.