

Awake, Awake, O Sleeper

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It seems many in the Body of Messiah are in a state of slumber...partially asleep.

Are you asleep? Do you know if you are spiritually slumbering?

What's your walk like as a believer?

Do you stuff your feelings?

Do you have some areas in your life that you just can't seem to conquer?

Do you struggle with a certain sin over and over?

Do unwholesome words come out of your mouth? Outbursts of anger at home?

What's your relationship like with your Mother & Father? Brothers & Sisters?

Are your thoughts toxic? Any Bitterness? Rage? Quarreling? Slander? Resentment?

God is exposing His light into these areas in our lives that have been hidden or submerged for many years. These areas of 'slumber' may have been caused by our own negative sinful reactions to past hurts, wounds and trauma. Many times... when something painful occurs...we make inner vows & bitter-root judgments. Our hearts can become hardened like stone. These stuffed feelings can cause blockages that can result in patterns of habitual sin and character flaws.

God wants us to examine our hearts. He is calling for our sanctification. He is highlighting our sins as He is trying to get us ready for the days ahead. He wants to cleanse us. He wants to strengthen us to persevere. And that means we must be willing to examine ourselves and be open and tender to His prodding.

God knows we are not going to be able to walk victoriously in the days ahead unless these areas of weakness are dealt with. He wants us to be victorious warriors. He wants us to confess, repent & release our stuffed feelings, inner vows and bitter-root judgments to Him. The light of His exposure brings us to a crisis point (we can either continue to stuff or come to Him with our hurts, habits & hangups). He brings us to such a place that we are sick & tired of being sick & tired. He wants us to acknowledge these strongholds and call out to Him for restoration and healing.

“Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face: In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me (Hosea 5: 15).

God's laws are eternal and His judgments are just. His ways are right and true. There are consequences when our relationships don't reflect His glory. He does not want us to participate in any unfruitful deeds of darkness.

ElijahHouse.org has many helpful resources.

Parents: Teach your children when they are young to recognize and acknowledge their resentments. During childhood, if a child learns to give hurts to Yeshua, placing pains at the foot of His cross, then little hearts stay open and pliable. Wounds that are not addressed can fester into huge sores later on in life causing the heart to shut down or slumber.

Thanks be to God, there is forgiveness with Him. He is able to cleanse us and heal us and bring restoration in our lives and our family. He is so merciful. He wants us to be fully alive, flowing with His Holy Spirit.

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for everything that becomes visible is light.*

For this reason it says:

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Arise from the dead

and Messiah will shine on you”

*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
making the most of your time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5: 14).*

Get ready for the High Holy Days

Day of Blowing will begin on Sept 14-15, 2015 (when the new moon is seen). Look for the tiny, thin crescent sliver of the new moon by scanning low in the western sky when the sun sets...just above the horizon about 7: 30-8pm Monday evening.

There is a 'time of preparation' before the High Holy Days. Time to take inventory of our own hearts as we see the day approaching. It's time for repentance and cleansing. Have you noticed God trying to get your attention? Rouse yourself from slumber. Look closely at your ways. Have you gotten caught up in the daily and lost sight of the eternal? Has God brought to your mind some grievance that has not been reconciled between you and a co-worker, family member or friend? Examine your deeds. Repent. Turn to God.

The High Holy Days are a rehearsal for things to come. Messiah's second coming is near... "*nearer now than when we first believed*" (Rom13: 14). Many scholars believe second coming of Yeshua will be on the Day of Blowing (Feast of Trumpets). In Hebrew, this day is called *Yom Teruah*. *Teruah* means 'an awakening blast'. *Teruah* also means 'shout'. The theme is to awake. So whether it is by the blast of the shofar or the voice of God...His goal is to awaken us.

"Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet (shofar); Tell My people their transgression" (Isa58: 1). "Prepare the way, remove every obstacle out of the way... Thus says the high and exalted One...I've seen his ways, but I will heal him" (Isa57: 14,18). "Loosen the bonds of wickedness, undo bands of yoke, let the oppressed go free...remove the pointing of the finger (accusations) and speaking wickedness... then your light will rise in darkness...if because of the Sabbath you turn from doing your own pleasure on My holy day... Then you will take delight in the LORD" (Isa 58: 6,9,13-14).

Day of Blowing is the time of announcement. The King is coming!!! "*With trumpets and the sound of the horn (shofar) shout joyfully before the King, the LORD...For He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity*" (Psalm 98). It is time to begin to prepare our hearts for judgment. "The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober for the purpose of prayer. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another...speaking the utterances of God, serving by the strength He supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Yeshua the Messiah... It's time for judgment to begin with the household of God" (1Peter 4).

Day of Atonements is a day of complete rest. It's an Appointed Time of the LORD on God's Biblical Calendar. We rest in Yeshua. "*Through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption*" (Heb9: 12). Atonement is complete in Him. "*For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified*" (Heb10: 14).

Feast of Tabernacles will be Sept 29- Oct 5, 2015. God has shown His ways throughout history during His Appointed Times. Scripture is God's self-revelation.

God told Moses, "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may **dwell among them**... the Tabernacle" (Exd25: 8-9). **God came down from heaven to earth to dwell** in the Tabernacle. His presence, His Shekinah glory cloud **dwelt** (tabernacled) among men. The people followed the glory of His presence as He dwelt among them. They lived in booths when God brought them out of Egypt and faithfully lead them in their journey to the Promised Land (Exd23: 41-43).

Feast of Tabernacles is a time to celebrate the birth of Messiah. "*The Word became flesh and He dwelt (tabernacled) among us and we beheld His glory* (John1: 14). It was **God coming down from heaven to dwell among men!** Yeshua (Jesus) was born in a sukkah (a booth for livestock – ref Gen33: 17) on the first day of Feast of Tabernacles. He lived among us. He came to save us, redeem us and pay the penalty in order to give us the gift of eternal life. When we believe and follow Him, then we can dwell forever with the Almighty.

God will come down again and dwell among His people. "*Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among men and God Himself will be among them for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple*" (Rev21: 2-3,22).

Feast of Tabernacles is a time of rejoicing. "*Rejoice before the LORD seven days. Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for generations to come*" (Lev23: 33-44). Yeshua went up to Jerusalem during Feast of Tabernacles (John7: 2,14). "*Now on the last day, the great day of the Feast, Yeshua said, 'If anyone is thirsty...let him come to Me and drink'*" (John7: 37). It's His Feast and He always shows up...even today ☺



This prophetic picture was painted by Kathy Nelson through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit during a worship service. Kathy's picture gallery may be viewed and purchased at ColquittCountyArts.com

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We must be awakened to His power, His love and forgiveness & His comfort. He wants us to walk in wholeness, fully alive flowing with His Holy Spirit. *"Come, let us return to the LORD, for He has torn us, but He will heal us so we may live before Him. So let us press on to know the LORD" (Hosea 6:3).*