

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, October 1, 2023



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS**
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Experiencing God—Reality 6

BIBLE ANSWER MAN:

What is the significance of the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) to us as Christians?

John 14:23 (NLT) Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them."

Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)

Leviticus 23:40–43 (NLT) On the first day gather branches from magnificent trees—palm fronds, boughs from leafy trees, and willows that grow by the streams. Then celebrate with joy before the LORD your God for seven days. ⁴¹ You must observe this festival to the LORD for seven days every year. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed in the appointed month from generation to generation. ⁴² For seven days you must live outside in little shelters. All native-born Israelites must live in shelters. ⁴³ This will remind each new generation of Israelites that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I rescued them from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God."

4 Cups of Passover (Exodus 6:6–7a)

Cup of Sanctification "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

Cup of Deliverance "I will rescue you from their bondage."

Cup of Redemption "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."

Cup of Acceptance "I will take you as My people."

2 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV) as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

John 1:14 (TLV) And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Water Ceremony

John 7:2, 37–38 (NLT) But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters... On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! ³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' "

"One who never saw the Water-Drawing Celebration has never seen joy in his life." (Talmud)

Isaiah 12:3 (NASB95) Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation. (הַיְשׁוּעָה)

Light Ceremony

John 9:5–7 (NLT) "But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. ⁷ He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

Leviticus 26:11–12 (NLT) I will live among you, and I will not despise you. ¹² I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people.

Zechariah 14:16–19 (NLT) In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters... ¹⁹ Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

Don't we all want intimacy with God? The problem is that we can't have intimacy with God unless we are with Him, and if we're not obeying (following) Him we aren't with Him. How do we experience genuine intimacy with God?

SEVEN REALITIES OF EXPERIENCING GOD:

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him, and He accomplishes His work through you.

Reality # 6: You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.

God will deliver His people

Exodus 3:1–10 (NLT) One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. ³ "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." ⁴ When the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. ⁵ "Do not come any closer," the LORD warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶ I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. ⁹ Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. ¹⁰ Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

The Angel of the LORD = the Preincarnate Son of God

John 6:46 (NLT) "Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him."

Colossians 1:15a (NLT) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

John 1:18 (NLT) No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

The appearances of the Angel of the LORD cease after Jesus was born.

God speaks to Moses. This leads to a Crisis of Belief. Moses had to make Major Adjustments to obey God.

Exodus 3:11–15 (NLT) But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain." ¹³ But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?" ¹⁴ God replied to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you."

Moses' Life: 40 years in Egypt + 40 years in the desert of Midian + 40 years leading Israel

Exodus 33:11a (NLT) Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

“You can’t stay where you are and go with God.” (p. 240)

“Our tendency is to want God to adjust to us and our plans. We want to obey God but only on our terms! (242)

What kind of adjustments does God require?

- your circumstances (job, home, finances)
- your relationships (family, friends, business associates)
- your thinking (prejudices, methodology, planning)
- your commitments (to family, church, job, plans, tradition)
- your actions (how you pray, give, serve)
- your beliefs (about God, His purposes, His ways, your relationship to Him). (244)

“Anytime you go from where you are to where God is working, or from your way of thinking to God’s way of thinking, or from your ways to God’s ways, or from your purposes to His purposes, a major adjustment will be involved.” (247)

C. T. Studd (1860-1931) Heart of Africa; WEC International: “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me to give for Him.” (252)

Bob Pierce (1914-1978) World Vision International, Samaritan’s Purse: “Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.”

SO WHAT?

1. What adjustment is God presently asking of you? Do these include values? Attitudes? Actions? Relationships?
2. Is there an adjustment God has been asking you to make which you have found difficult?
3. Is there something God is asking you to do right now that you are resisting?

(Read in unison)

Deuteronomy 30:19–20 (NLT) “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

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ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

1. NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

2. HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY (Grades 9-12) EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-8PM—We would love to have you join us at the Brock and Angi Vaughters house (15098 E 191ST Street, Noblesville, IN 46060). You can bring your high school friends!

3. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FRIDAYS @ 7AM @ MCA—Study in the book of Romans. See Alex Abell for more info.

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDY (Two Options):

- **Wednesday Mornings @ 9:30am**—Each Wednesday morning at 9:30am at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers, IN 46038). Studying the book of Ephesians. For more info email Kathy at kathystump77@gmail.com.
- **Thursday Evenings @ 7:00-8:30 pm**—Each Thursday evening at 7:00-8:30pm at Lynda North's house (9929 Brightwater Dr., Fishers, IN 46038). Studying the book of Ephesians. For more info email Lynda at LANorth7@gmail.com.

5. GIVING QR CODE—If you would like to give online you can use this code →

6. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

7. GIVE BIBLES IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE—The Gideons have provided a display on the counter in the foyer for you to give God's word in honor or in memory of a loved one.

8. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some to complete your Prayer Response Card... you can **scan this QR code.** →



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