

Yom Teruah Message
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As I began to prepare this message that I would like to share with you tonight, I asked myself what should or could I say that would make this message any different than what I have talked about before concerning the festival of Yom Teruah.

Yom Teruah is **the Day of Trumpets**, a Biblical feast that marks the beginning of the Fall season. It is a day of rest, remembrance of what God has done for His people both past and present and what God will do for them in the future according to His word.

We also have the blowing of trumpets and offerings to Him for His faithfulness to us, as commanded in the Torah and the Psalms.

Leviticus 23:23-28:

23 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **24** Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a rest, a memorial of trumpets; it shall be to you a holy convocation. **25** Ye shall do no customary work, and ye shall offer a whole-burnt-offering to the Lord. **26** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: **27** “Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you: you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord. **28** “And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before your God.

It's a time of fasting, reflection, repentance and preparation for the upcoming Day of Atonement, where all whom follow in the commandments of God and the teaching of our salvation, with the sacrifice of Christ are to take a complete and factual examination of one's self and do a truthful assessment of their walk before God.

But do we actually do this, and is that all there is? Examine ourselves, have I been faithful to God and walked the path of righteousness before Him that is set before me, or have I been negligent and disobedient to His ways. Without repenting of my failure to obey His commandments.

Ask yourself, what is your relationship like right now with our creator? Be honest now. Are you secure enough that if you were to be called into His presence, right now, to make an accounting of your life, that you will be found blameless, or is there some area of your life that might find you at fault that you have not addressed.

We always take notice of any big infraction of one of the commandments where we could stumble but, what about smaller ones.

Complaining, scolding, swearing, berating someone, words said in anger, inconsideration for the time or help received from or given to someone, deceit, discontentment, and many others.

We have seen in the last few days what the hate of some have destroyed. But what others meant for evil, God brought forth good. We have seen an outpouring of love from many in particular the younger generation. Many have returned back to worship of God recognizing what hate has done.

Yom Teruah is known as the “Day of Blowing Trumpets” or the “Day of the Awakening Blast.”

Are we after so many years of lawlessness witnessing a great revival of morality and spiritual awareness.

Though God’s purpose in establishing Yom Teruah isn’t clear, the name itself gives us a clue: *teruah* means “alarm, signal, battle cry, or shout of joy.”

Have we shown to others that we personally know, or even a stranger, how our faith in our Lord has changed our lives for the better or do we still act and talk as the world does. Are we and will we cling onto hidden sins and hatred of others, or will we submit our lives to God

From the commentary of Matthew Henry: Lev.23

The blowing of trumpets represented the preaching of the gospel, by which men are called to repent of sin, and to accept the salvation of Christ, which was signified by the day of atonement. Also it invited us to rejoice in God, and become strangers and pilgrims on earth, which was denoted by the feast of Tabernacles, observed in the same month. At the beginning of the year, they were called by this sound of trumpet to shake off spiritual drowsiness, to search and try their ways (examine ourselves for any faults), and to amend them. The day of atonement was the ninth day after this; thus they were awakened to prepare for that day, by sincere and serious repentance, that it might indeed be to them a day of atonement. The humbling of our souls for sin, and the making of our peace with God, is work that requires the whole man, and the closest application of mind. On that day God spoke peace to his people, and to his saints; therefore, they must lay aside all their worldly business, that they might the more clearly hear that voice of joy and gladness.

It is at this time that we take the opportunity to come before God and bring to the forefront any sins that we may still be holding onto. If we cannot be honest with ourselves about our sins than how is God to forgive us of them. Let us rejoice in the grace that we have been given and the ability to take the gospel to others in truth and love. Amen, God bless