

Festival of Sukkot

The Last Of The Fall Festivals

The Feast Of Booths

- Lev.23:39-43
- 42-43 – Shall live in booths for seven days
- 39- “When you have gathered in the produce of the land”- First and eighth day, days of solemn rest
- 40- to take the branches of trees and make a booth
- They were to rejoice before the Lord. This was their Thanksgiving week.
- Thanksgiving has been officially celebrated as an annual holiday in Canada since November 6, 1879. While the date varied by year and was not fixed, it was commonly the second Monday in October.
- On January 31, 1957, the Governor General issued a proclamation stating: “A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed – to be observed on the second Monday in October.”

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Rules For A Sukkah

- Must be built under the open sky
- Sturdy enough to withstand common weather for your area in the fall
- Must have at least 2 complete and 1 partial wall
- Cannot be more than 30' high, not less than 3'
- Large enough for at least one person
- Cannot be teepee or lean to style, roof is key
- Roof from materials that grow from ground and not so dense you can't see sky and stars

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- Celebration of the exodus, living under the cloud by day and fire by night
- “Deuteronomy” 2nd telling of the law
- Duet.16:1-17 – vs.16-17 3 main feasts to which all men were required to go to Jerusalem with an offering as God had blessed them
- This was a feast they were to have with family 14
- Deut.14:22-27- Eat your tithe before the Lord
- 28-29 – every 3rd year keep it local

The Feast Of Thanksgiving

- This was a feast of joy for 7 days.
- Building the “fort”, “camping”, good food
- Non-biblical additions – “Water Libation” Willow decorations
- Alter and temple area decorated with long willow branches each day

The Water Libation

- Each morning a parade of the priests and congregation goes to the pool of Siloam for ½ liter water
- Upon reentering the temple the shofar blasts and shouts Isa.12:3
- The priest then pours out the water on the Alter
- Jhn.7:37 – Jesus cried out



Jesus The Living Water

- Jesus made a point of going to the feasts – Jn 2:23,4:45,5:1,6:4, 7:2,10,25,37,40,50
- The miracles performed during these feasts paved the way the church in ACTS
- Do the Living waters flow in your heart this Thanksgiving?
- Gal.5:22 – First 3 fruit of the Spirit are Love, Joy, Peace. Are those evident in your life today?