Feast of Trumpets - The Messianic Hour

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The messianic hour is on the air. Oh Israel hear the word of the lord.

A hearty welcome friends on the broadcast of the messianic hour under the direction of Dr. Charles L Feinberg professor of Old Testament at Talbot theological seminary. This program aims to foster love for god’s ancient people Israel, and to spread the truth of salvation in the messiah. For blessing and inspiration, stay tuned for the next half hour.

In a factory were delicate fabrics are woven there's a button that operators are expected to press when the threads become tangled. When this bell rings, the superintendent appears and helps to unravel the threads. But one day a woman refused to call for this help. When the superintendent was making his rounds, he found the women's work hopelessly tangled. I was doing my best the woman said when she saw the frown on the superintendents face. Doing your best would have been to send for me he answered. Have the threads of your life become tangled? Do not try to untangle them yourself. The best you can do is to call upon the lord. He alone can save you. Only he can solve your problems.

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell there was a need of silver coinage. Cromwell sent some soldiers one day to a cathedral in search of silver. They reported back the only silver we can find is in the statues of the saints standing in the corners. Good said Cromwell. Well melt the saints and put them into circulation. Oh the revival fires would glow again with white hot intensity to defrost and melt the saints and put them into circulation with hearts aflame with the love of Christ for perishing souls. It is not important what I say or what you say but what saith the
scripture. Hear the Old Testament prophecy in Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 33 and 34. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days saith the lord I will put my law in their inward parts. And write it in their hearts. And will be their god and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more any man his neighbor and every man his brother saying know the lord. For they shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them saith the lord. For I will forgive their iniquity. And I will remember their sin no more. Now here is the New Testament fulfillment in the messiah in Hebrews chapter 10 verses 14 to 18. For by one offering he hath perfected forever then that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us for after that he had said before this is the covenant that I will make with them after those days saith the lord. I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them. And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Now where emission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. our father how shall we praise thee for that blessed condition in which there is no longer a need for an offering for sin because one has been made. One has been offered. One has been presented that meets with thine infinite glorious approval. We thank thee that Christ Jesus could offer merit. He could offer worth. He could offer righteousness and holiness and purity. And stainless unblemished character such as no man on earth nor angel in heaven can offer unto thee. He the infinite one the glorious second person of the trinity god the son. Coming so condescending and working such a glorious work of redemption. No wonder now by thy spirit in all believing hearts thou art able to inscribe the law of love. The whole fulfillment of the law of righteousness because of that glorious loving savior whom we've received and who now indwells us by his blessed spirit. How we pray for hearts in radio land. This is not an exercise for mere pretense or for mere entertainment but an exercise on the hearts of the broadcasting ones and those who sustain us in prayer. It’s an exercise and enterprise to
reach into hearts of our Jewish friends in radio land to turn them their eyes and hearts alike by faith to messiah the lord. And to salvation in him. Grant there may be many this hour who shall enter into life through simple faith in Jesus blessed name we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

The word compassion means a great deal. Co and passion. Feeling together with. So one with the people that he shared their burdens and felt their fears and sorrowed in their griefs. But the Greek word means still more than that. It was a yearning pity that drew up into itself all the strength of its life. A longing that fills not only all the heart as we say, but all that was in him. It was a pity that became a pain. So did Jesus Christ yearn over the people for they were a sheep not having a shepherd. The tender sympathetic spirit which can weep with those that weep. Even the cold callus world admires and loves the hard shriveled up nature working simply from professional duty may do something. But we question whether after years of toil, it will accomplish anything worthy of the lord.

I want to think with you today friends on the theme the feast of trumpets. World Jewry has for many centuries celebrated the feast of trumpets as the Jewish New Year. Rosh hashanah [sp?] it’s this theme that we want to deal with now in this New Year season of our Jewish people. Many ask how this is possible in view of the fact that exodus 12 indicates nisson as the first month of the year. Now just as we have a calendar new year a school year, a fiscal year. So the rabbis reckoned some four beginnings of the year viewed from different standpoints. They had a new year for dating the reigns of kings. One for the beginning of the agricultural year. One for reckoning the ties of cattle and one for the New Year for trees. The Jewish New Year in the fall of the year is supposed to be the beginning of the civil and political year and early became attached to the biblical feast of trumpets to which it actually has no tie. In the list of the feast of
the Lord in Leviticus 23 you will notice that the last 3 feasts have 2 very important features in common. First they are separated by a length of time from the first 4 feasts which are Passover, unleavened bread, first fruits, and Pentecost. And secondly, these last 3 feasts follow one another in rapid succession. The last 3 feasts are all in the 7th month. The first in the month, the 10th and the 15th. For trumpets, for the feast of the Day of Atonement, and tabernacles. The 7th month is the time of the consummation and winding up of God's purposes for Israel. The first four feasts speak of the past. From our point of view. The last 3 are speaking of future and prophetic events. The record of the feast of trumpets is very interesting. It reads and when you reap the harvest of your land thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaming of thy harvest. Thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the sojourner. I am the Lord your God. and the Lord spake unto Moses saying speak unto the children of Israel saying in the 7th month on the first day of the month shall be a solemn rest unto you a memorial of blowing of trumpets a holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work and you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord. Let's turn first of all to that Old Testament observance. Verse 22 of Leviticus 23 stands alone between the first 4 feasts which have been historically fulfilled as we've indicated. And the last 3 which still await their realization or fulfillment. The passage is full of meaning regarding the gleaming's of the harvest. The book of Ruth beautifully reveals how this injunction was carried out. But it has a deeper spiritual beating. The harvest was not to be fully reaped. The benefits were to go out to others also. The work of the Holy Spirit after the believers of this age have been taken away is foreshadowed when the gospel of the kingdom will be preached again as we read in Matthew 24 verse 14. The first may also speak of our own age of parenthesis between God's past dealings with Israel and his future relationships to them. In this day, in our day gleanings are provided for the stranger and the poor. The gentile thank god,
participates in Israel’s blessings. Not only today, but in the future as well. Thank god the harvest is meant for everybody, it's for all. The fruit of Christ travail is meant for every soul on earth. A lady missionary in Armenia was sitting beside the bedside of a woman who had been a bitter relentless opposer of the gospel. But her heart had now been softened by sickness. And for the first time she listened to the good news from heaven. As the lady tried to explain to her the only way of salvation, she say oh yes, you who have done so many good deeds will be saved. God will not look on me though. After the quotation of some text saying that it was all grace to everybody. An assistant teacher by the name of mirana’s whispered, if you just tell her bakshes [sp?] she will understand you better. bakshes. That common irritating annoying tiresome word in the mouth of every beggar who ask arms with outstretched hands and whining voice. This bakshes conveyed that untaught mind the meaning of the grace of god which bringeth salvation in grace through his son to all. Now the details of the celebration of the feast of trumpets are to be found in numbers the 29th chapter the first 6 verses. The people of Israel were to offer on that occasion both burn offerings, meal offerings, and sin offerings. Besides the regular monthly new moon burnt offering, meal offering and drink offerings. The commemoration of the feast is indicated in psalm 81 in these words. Blow the trumpet at the new moon. At the full moon on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel an ordinance of the god of Jacob. He appointed it in joseph for a testimony when he went out over the land of Egypt where I heard a language that I knew not. The feast of trumpets was distinguished for its joy and gladness. In Nehemiah’s day the people were gathered together to hear the reading of the law of god by Ezra the scribe on the first day of the seventh month. As the word of god was read, the hearts of the people were smitten with conviction and they wept aloud. But Nehemiah and Ezra exhorted them not to mourn nor weep because the day was intended to be one of joy and gladness. The joy of the lord was their
strength and they turned to mirth and rejoicing. The trumpets used may have been those of numbers 10 verses 1 to 10. On other occasions the trumpets were blown by priests only at the central sanctuary in Jerusalem but in this feast, predominately the feast of trumpets it has been suggested that anybody in any part of the land could blow the trumpets. Finally there’s need to see in the feast of trumpets the prophetic significance. Of what prophetic importance is the feast of trumpets now? This feast speaks prophetically of the time when Israel shall again be called by the lord and will return to the land to rebuild the temple. The recall the return of Israel from worldwide despersion. Before gleams of which we see in our own day. Can be found in both the Old Testament and the new in Isaiah 27:13 we read and it shall come to pass in that day that a great trumpet. Notice the word trumpet, shall be blown. And they shall come that were ready to perish in the land of Assyria. They that were outcast in the land of Egypt. And they shall worship the lord in the holy mountain in Jerusalem. in Jeremiah 23:5 to 8 we read behold the days come saith the lord that I will raise unto David a righteous branch and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely. And this is his name whereby he shall be called. The lord our righteousness. Therefore behold the days come saith the lord that they shall no more say as the lord liveth who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. But as the lord liveth who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the North Country. And from all the countries whither I have driven them, and they shall dwell in their own land. In the New Testament, we find the beautiful prophecy of Israel’s regathering in the Olivet discourse. The discourse our lord spoke when he sat upon the Mount of Olives. These are the words of our lord Jesus Christ. And he shall send forth his angels with a great sound of a trumpet. And he shall gather together his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other. There’s an
interesting prayer bearing on this important theme. It’s to be found in the Jewish prayer book for the New Year’s services. We translate it in part. And here it is. Word for word as it is in the Jewish prayer book which is in the Hebrew language. Here is the translation. Our god and god of our fathers sound the great trumpet for our freedom. Lift up the end sign to gather our exiles. Bring together our scattered ones from among the nations and gather our disperse from the uttermost parts of the earth. lead us in triumph unto Zion thy city and unto Jerusalem the place of thy sanctuary with everlasting joy and there will we prepare before thee the offerings that are enjoying on us as is commanded us in thy law through the hand of thy servant Moses by thy glorious command as it is said and in the day of your gladness and in your set feast and in the beginning of your months, you shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings. And over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And they shall be a memorial for you before god. I am the lord your god. For thou hearest the sound of the trumpet. And givest he to the trumpet shout and there is none like unto thee. You notice friends how often in this remarkable New Year prayer of the Jews. In the prayer of the feast of trumpets, the word trumpet occurs again and again. Trumpet for our freedom. Blow the trumpet so that the sound of the trumpet and the trumpet shout. They give evidence and witness that there is none like our god. It’s told that a big dry was being made during World War 1 all along the British front. The enemy was in retreat and the huge tanks were following up the enemy. When one of the tanks stopped dead in its tracks. It wasn't disabled. There were no casualties among the crew. There was plenty of ammunition. Finally an officer came up and with forceful language demanded why that huge beast should halt when the job was as yet unfinished. Said one of the crew, the trouble is sir we have got to the edge of our way. Thank god when he blows the trump, his power will avail to finish. To complete the blessed work of regathering Israel from worldwide exile and dispersion.
listener, hear it. as we see for gleams of Israel’s return to the land of promise, know, known for assurity in this feast of trumpet season in the Rosh hashanah time, know that the time is nigh for the divine intervention recalling and restoring Israel to their homeland. Are you ready? Are you? There’s no assurance of blessing for you except your trust in god and his messiah for your eternal salvation. May the day not overtake you unprepared? Prepare to meet thy god. Our father in heaven, in this so solemn season the omnimonora him [sp?] the awful, the high holy days may Jewish hearts realize that there is redemption. There is readiness for the coming of messiah. Only through faith in him may Jewish hearts be trusting him now. We pray in messiah’s glorious name. In the name of Jesus Christ our lord, amen. The messianic hour is pleased to announce an important free home study course available to our Jewish listeners. There’s no cost involved. All the lessons are taken by correspondence in your home at your own convenience. They are the special lamplight study series which is been used to great spiritual benefit to people in major areas of our country and the world. These valuable courses are free to our Jewish friends. We invite you to write this week for your first lesson series. When you complete and return it that will automatically enroll you for the entire series. As we've already said, they're free. That means they're without cost or obligation of any kind. Our mailing address post office box 1102 Whittier California. This important arm of our ministry like the broadcast themselves is carried on by faith. That is, as the lord burdens your hearts, the hearts of his people to respond. We believe you're interested in bringing the truth of the lord Jesus Christ the messiah of god to your Jewish friends. We feel sure this will be sufficient call for you to write today. Our mailing address is the messianic hour post office box 1102 Whittier California. Or all you need put is box 1102 Whittier California. Our soloist today was Dave efiland, Margaret sanders at the Oregon. Now this is Charles Feinberg thanking you for listening for your faithful prayers and for your zealous
witness. On behalf of those to whom the lord reminded us to take the gospel first. Listen again with all your friends. Next week. At this same time for the messianic hour.