

TIMES OF CELEBRATION

How You Receive

- I. **God commanded them to have times of celebration-REMEMBER, REJOICE, GIVE, EAT-**
Dt16:10-You shalt keep (observe) the feast of weeks (festival, joyous, celebrate, anniversary) unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a **freewill offering of thine hand** (voluntary, willing), which you shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed you: ¹¹And you shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, you, thy son, thy daughter, thy manservant, thy maidservant, the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, the widow, that are among you...¹²And you shalt remember that you wast a **bondman** (slave) in Egypt...¹³You shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days...¹⁴And you shalt rejoice in thy feast, you, thy son, daughter, manservant, maidservant, Levite, stranger, fatherless, widow...¹⁵Seven days shalt you keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord shall choose: because the Lord thy God shall bless you in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore you shalt surely rejoice.¹⁶Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God...in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty: ¹⁷Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given you
- A. These are holy times-Lv23:1-Lord to Moses...Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them concerning the feasts of the Lord which ye shall proclaim to be holy **convocations** (meetings) even these are my feasts
- B. They were to do similar things when they came into the promise land-Dt26:1-It shall be, when you art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth you...²That you shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you shalt bring of thy land that the Lord thy God giveth you...³...you shalt go unto the priest...say...I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord sware unto our fathers for to give us...⁴...the priest shall...set it down before the altar of the Lord thy God. ⁵And you shalt speak and say before the Lord thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there with a few and became there a nation, great, mighty...⁶...the Egyptians evil entreated us and afflicted us and laid upon us hard bondage:⁷And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction...labour...oppression:⁸And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with great terribleness and with signs and...wonders: ⁹And he hath brought us into this place and hath given us this land even a land that flows with milk and honey.¹⁰...I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which you, O Lord, hast given me. And you shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God:¹¹And you shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto you, and unto thine house, you, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you-Dt27:2-It shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the lord thy God gives you.⁷You shalt offer **peace offerings** (voluntary sacrifice in thanks) and...eat there and rejoice before The Lord
- C. The Psalmist did this too-Ps66:8-O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: ⁹Which holds our soul in life, and suffers not our feet to be moved...¹²...you brought us out into a wealthy

place.¹³I will go into thy house with burnt offerings...¹⁵...offer unto you burnt sacrifices of fatlings...bullocks...goats...¹⁶...come and hear...I will declare what he has done for my soul.¹⁷I cried unto him with my mouth...¹⁹God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.²⁰Blessed be God which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me

II. **Times of celebration remind you of where your help comes from-Dt8:7-God brings you into a good land...**¹⁰When you hast eaten and art full, then you shalt **ble**ss (praise, thank) the Lord thy God for the good land which he has given you.¹¹**BEWARE** that you forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments...day:¹²Lest when you hast eaten and art full and hast built goodly houses and dwelt therein;¹³And when thy herds...flocks multiply and thy silver...gold is multiplied and all that you hast is multiplied;¹⁴Then thine heart be lifted up and you **forget** (oblivious) the Lord thy God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt...house of bondage;¹⁵Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents...scorpions... drought, where there was no water; who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint; ¹⁶Who fed you in the wilderness with manna...¹⁷And you say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.¹⁸But you shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that gives you power to get wealth...¹⁹And it shall be if you do at all forget the Lord thy God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish

A. If you don't acknowledge that it came from God, you'll start thinking someone else did it and you'll stop paying attention to God and having problems-Forget that God did it, you'll walk after other things, perish

III. **Times of celebration is position you to receive more (Got to turn back)**

A. The value we place on what you receive affects how much more we receive-**Mk4:24**-Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you and unto you that hear shall more be given-**AC-Lk8:18**

B. God will not give to you that which you do not value-**Mt7:6**-Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, nether cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you

C. How you receive affects what else you receive-**Lk17:15**-One of them when he saw that he was healed turned back and with a loud voice glorified God ¹⁶And fell down on his face at his feet giving him thanks...¹⁷Were there not ten cleansed...¹⁸There are not found that returned to give glory to God save this stranger.¹⁹Arise go thy way: thy faith hath made you whole

D. If you think God owes you, you won't be thankful-**Gn32:10**-I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies...truth which you have showed your servant ...with my staff I passed over this Jordan and now I am become two bands

E. When we fail to celebrate what God has done in our lives it reveals we don't value it-Lack of thanksgiving can cut you off from receiving more

1. Don't trample it, value it in small and big portions-Many are so consumed by what they're believing God for but don't have yet, that they are trampling on the good things He has done

F. **THE MAGNITUDE OF YOUR PRAISE DETERMINES THE MEASURE OF YOUR PORTION**