

Sunday, 08-06-2023

Festival of Booths
Bible Background: Nehemiah 7:73B-8:18
Printed Text: Nehemiah 8:13-18 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Exodus 23:12-17

Aim for Change:

- **UNDERSTAND** the significance of celebrating God's blessings.
 1. Do I truly **UNDERSTAND** the significance of celebrating God's blessings?
 - **REFLECT** on our own attitudes towards celebrating God's blessings.
 2. How do I **REFLECT** of my own attitude towards celebrating God's blessings?
 - **PLAN** to celebrate God's blessings.
 3. Do I **PLAN** to celebrate God's blessings?
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Devotional Reading: Rhythms of Work and Worship – Mon: Exodus 23:12-17

- How disciplined am I to not work on the Sabbath? Am I allowing anything else to be my god? What does the three (3) feasts a year represent? – **Tue: Leviticus 23:9-14**
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Focal Verses – Discovering a Neglected Festival – Nehemiah 8:13-18

1. **Festival of Booths Reinstated (vv. 13-16) – Thu: Leviticus 23:33-44**
 - Does the preached word help me to recognize my waywardness? – **Psalms 32:8-11** Do I weep and mourn because of my own disobedience to the Lord? Do I gather together to study God's word for greater understanding/wisdom/instruction/direction? – **Proverbs 21:11-12** Do I understand His words enough to know how to prepare for His celebration(s)? – **Numbers 29:12-40; Deuteronomy 16:13-17** Am I willing to step outside my comfort zone to be obedient to the Lord's direction?
2. **Festival of Booths Marks Great Celebration (vv. 17-18)**
 - Does the congregation come together as one body? – **Ezra 3:1-7** Do I join myself with the congregation to be attentive to God's word? Do I study God's word daily so I can learn how to be more obedient to His will? – **Fri: Nehemiah 7:73B-8:6** Is His word carried in my heart wherever I go? – **Deuteronomy 31:9-13**