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Articles

The Feast is Over...Now What? by Staff (Charlotte, North Carolina)



This year the Feast of Tabernacles was a great one—again. We have come home uplifted, encouraged, inspired, and corrected. We are filled with resolve to grow and overcome. We recognized God's Spirit in both the ministry and the brethren. We heard expounded a great deal of God's Word, and much of our fellowship centered on spiritual matters. During the Feast, we may even have committed ourselves to certain actions. We only wish everyone in the world could have heard what we heard and experienced what we have just experienced. We wonder how a Feast could be any better.

It is a great *feeling*, but now what? We are home now, back in the trenches, back to the daily grind. Is it business as usual, or have the Feast messages made a difference in our lives?

If we are not careful, a feeling is all it will be. Feelings are fine if they motivate us to righteous action. Paul reminds us that it is not the hearers of the Word who will be justified but the doers (Romans 2:13). So, what should we be doing *now*?

Nehemiah's Great Feast

What example among God's people in the past can be our model? In the history of God's people, we are certainly not the only ones who have experienced a great Feast of Tabernacles. Another such feast occurred in the days of Nehemiah. We can learn many things from the example the Jews of the time left for us (I Corinthians 10:11).

The story of Nehemiah happens after the captivity and scattering of Judah when the Persian Empire allows the Jews to return to their homeland. First, Zerubbabel returns with 50,000 Jews to rebuild the Temple, followed by Ezra, who helps restore respect for God's law and worship, and finally by Nehemiah, whose main task is rebuilding Jerusalem's wall. Nehemiah's part takes place during the reign of Artaxerxes I, a little over four centuries before Christ's birth.

Rebuilding the wall is "the work of God" at this time for the Jews (Nehemiah 5:16; 6:16). Under Nehemiah's leadership, they complete the wall in an incredible fifty-two days, finishing in the month of Elul—corresponding to our August-early September, just before the autumn holy day season begins (6:15).

When Tishri, the Hebrew seventh month, comes—the first day of which begins the fall holy days—"all the people gathered as one man in the open square" (Nehemiah 7:73; 8:1). Please take the time to read all of Nehemiah 8 to get the full force

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of what happens. Ezra the Scribe brings out the Book of the Law and reads it aloud to the congregation on the Feast of Trumpets, from morning to midday (8:1-3). The brethren bow their heads and worship the great God, with their faces to the ground (verse 6). Other leaders continue expounding and explaining the law, giving its meaning so the brethren could understand how it applies to their day-to-day situations (verses 7-8). The reading of the law convicts God's people—whether today or back then (verse 9)—so they repent deeply.

Something majestic happens next. They read how they should keep the Feast of Tabernacles in temporary booths, so they immediately obey God's command and build booths (verses 14-17). Nehemiah is careful to point out that this is the *first* time the Feast was kept in booths since the days of Joshua. During this whole time, the brethren are thrilled to be hearing and doing what God has commanded. "And there was very great gladness" (verse 17).

It is obvious, in reading Nehemiah 8, that these early brethren have had a great, inspiring, and moving fall festival season. The question remains: "Now what?" What should they do now?

Now What?

"Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled *with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads*" (Nehemiah 9:1; emphasis ours). The twenty-fourth day of the seventh month is two days *after* the Last Great Day! They are still there en masse!

What are they doing immediately after the Feast? They are *fasting* and *repenting* as a group, together! What an impressive example for us end-time believers! What might God do for us, for the church, for the world even, if His called people would humble themselves and fast and pray and seek Him after hearing His words at His Feast?

Notice what God tells Solomon in II Chronicles 7:14: "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." This is exactly what the Jews under Nehemiah were doing.

But it does not end there. These children of Israel now *do* something about what they have heard all feast long. And what they do is in many respects far harder than overcoming some of the problems that face us!

"Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners [dissolving their marriages with pagan mates]; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers" (Nehemiah 9:2). Their children faced the same tests ours face today: a shortage of converted potential mates. Many of them had started dating and marrying "outside the church." Most of those they married never converted to God's truths but remained pagans. This led to whole families forsaking God's way of life. They forsook Israelite culture to the point that Nehemiah later writes that "half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod [a Philistine city], and could not speak the language of Judah" (Nehemiah 13:24). Boaz's marriage to Ruth, a foreigner of Moab, proves to be the exception, not the rule.

The rest of Nehemiah 9 contains a long prayer of confession and repentance, including an oath to recommit themselves to the great God of heaven (Nehemiah 9:36-38). The people now follow the righteous leaders' example and commit themselves to obeying God's law under a new formal covenant or agreement (Nehemiah 10:28-29). They commit themselves to stop intermarrying with the surrounding nations, to start keeping the Sabbath holy, to observe the seventh-year land rest and the laws regarding debt forgiveness (verses 30-31). From there they also recommit to observing the laws of firstfruits and tithing carefully—and that they "will not neglect the house of our God" (verses 35-39).

This is not a fairy tale; it is a true piece of history. These people really did these things, and they did them sincerely and wholeheartedly. What an example for those of us fighting the Laodicean attitude!

Restored Commitment

What is the lesson for us today?

The excitement we feel from this most recent Feast will be absolutely meaningless unless we come home with a restored commitment and a plan of action to *apply* what we have heard. Like those in Nehemiah's day, it would be a good idea to:

» Fast and confess our sins to our great God. Our list of areas in which we have been unfaithful to God may be

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different but confessing those to God is a good start.

» Gather our families around us and make a renewed covenant to fear God. Get everyone in the family contributing insight about where the family has gone off track and what individual family members can do to get back on track. With the whole family involved, progress, encouragement, and real togetherness will develop.

» Bow before our God and ask Him to form Christ in us (Galatians 4:19). It is time to dedicate ourselves to holiness borne from an active Holy Spirit leading and guiding us (Romans 8:14). While it is still fresh in our minds, we need to take what we have learned at the Feast and put it into practice.

» Commit now to living in the Spirit, so we can please God (Romans 8:8-10). We must set our minds on things above (Colossians 3:1) and on the things of the Spirit rather than carnal, physical matters. Those of us who insist on keeping our focus on things of the flesh will never please God (Romans 8:5, 8).

So, what is the lesson we can learn from the Feast of Tabernacles in Nehemiah's day?

Very simple: We need to *do* something about our feelings from this most recent Feast. We can repent and recommit to God those areas of our lives that fall short of His expectations. Make a list of what needs to be changed this coming year, then list the steps to take to make those changes happen. If you feel it would be helpful, ask for advice from an elder or a long-time, faithful member. The bottom line, however, it is accomplished, is to convert the *feelings* from the Feast into concrete *actions* that result in real change over the coming year.

That is what these Jews during Nehemiah's day did. They converted their inspired feelings from the Feast into inspired actions. They turned their zealous emotion into positive, spiritual growth. Emotions will fade, but godly character formed in us will last for eternity!

God continually warns His people not to be just hearers of the Word but doers. The zealous are those who learn they have dirt on their faces and *do something* about it—immediately. Those who do not react immediately soon *forget* the dirt they know is there, and it remains, unwashed (James 1:23-25). Delay can reduce a powerful message's effect to no more impact than a melodic piece of special music (Ezekiel 33:30-32). Swift action beats procrastination any day!

In short, if this past Feast results in positive changes, overcoming, and growth as it did in Nehemiah's day, then it truly will have been a great Feast. Everything depends on whether we will respond to God's appeal for action—now, before we forget.

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Obedience is Life

by Alfio La Spina (Sooke British Columbia, Canada)

Obedience to the Word of God starts in the heart. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7 (NIV) 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV) 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Psalms 111:10 (NIV) 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

The fear of our Lord and God is foundational to true wisdom and all knowledge, fearing our God means that we obey and respect Him. If we keep in mind that our heavenly Father is always watching, then we will want to act in a way that pleases Him because we are in a relationship with our father and we do not want to hurt Him. It does pain Him to see all of the evil in the world today and the scriptures show us very clearly how our God can be grieved by the actions of mankind.

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Genesis 6:5-6 (NIV) "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. **The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.**"

Hosea 11:1-4 (NIV) " When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baal's, and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them."

We have to ask, why is our heavenly Father talking this way? How wonderful and truly loving he is. Is he at this very moment taking us by the arms and teaching us to walk after his ways?

John 14:15 (NIV) "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

So, we should always strive to do our best so as to give the Father joy by keeping His commandments and rejoicing in all His ways before his sight.

We must also circumcise our hearts and ask our Father daily to help us to guard our hearts because we do not want to fail so we must make ourselves aware of what the scriptures teach us about these things.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) 23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Psalms 51:10 (NIV) 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalms 73:26 (NIV) 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

The consequences are too severe if we fall away or do not allow his spirit to burn like it was meant to in us. By quenching or subduing the spirits potential in us or it's capacities to lead us and mold us in the way that the Father requires we will indeed grieve the Holy Spirit and we may not be forgiven for that.

Ephesians 4:30 (NIV) " And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Matthew 12:30-32 (NIV) " He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. And so, I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will NOT BE FORGIVEN, either in this age or in the age to come."

Deuteronomy 6:4-10 (NIV) 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 **These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.** 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates.

What the Lord is saying above in Deuteronomy is that everything we do must revolve around His laws. This is not just a causal thing like I have seen so many people doing. We need to be consumed by His ways and seek Him constantly we need to be on fire for Him.

Proverbs 2:1-6 (NIV) 1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding 3 indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV) 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give

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account.

When we read the Word of God and meditate on it and really consider what we are reading if it applies to us then take it and write on our hearts letting it consume us then it will work in us to change us.

John 15:1-9 (NIV) 1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Jesus says to remain in Him as He remains in us. The way we remain in Him is by doing what He says and filling ourselves with His instruction. This way He will make us grow strong and generate much fruit.

Luke 6:46-48 (NIV) 46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

1 John 2:4-7 (NIV) 4 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

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The True Trinity Doctrine by Darwin Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

1: **John 17:22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;, even as we are one."

2: **John 17:22** "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one,"

3: **John 17:21** "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:"

Thus: three in one and one in three: 1. God,
2. Jesus and
3. they-us (God's chosen ones, now). John 17:21

Or: 1. God in Jesus.
2. Jesus in God. (They being One).
3. they-Us; (one in God and one in Jesus and God and Jesus in us-these three being one).

Thus, one could say, "these three being at one, and or in harmony as God (the Father) and Jesus are and we the called out, chosen and faithful ones in harmony and at one with God (the Father) and Jesus.

To: God.com
Sent by Robert Chisolm (Email)

Dear Lord,



*Every single evening
As I'm lying here in bed,
This tiny little Prayer
Keeps running through my head:*

*God bless all my family
Wherever they may be,
Keep them warm
and safe from harm
For they're so close to me.*

*And God, there is one more thing
I wish that you could do;
Hope you don't mind me asking,
Please bless my computer too.*

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*Now I know that it's unusual
To Bless a motherboard,
But listen just a second
While I explain it to you, Lord.*

*You see, that little metal box
Holds more than odds and ends;
Inside those small compartments
Rest so many of my friends.*

*I know so much about them
By the kindness that they give,
And this little scrap of metal
Takes me in to where they live.*

*By faith is how I know them
Much the same as you.
We share in what life brings us
And from that our friendships grew.*

*Please take an extra minute
From your duties up above,
To bless those in my address book
That's filled with so much love.*

*Wherever else this prayer may reach
To each and every friend,
Bless each e-mail inbox
And each person who hits 'send'.*

*When you update your Heavenly list
On your own Great CD-ROM,
Bless everyone who says this prayer
Sent up to GOD.com*



Amen

A Message from Melanie Heitkamp

October 29, 2018

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED] Lee,

It's time to tell my story and my truth about my older sister Heidi. When I was 19 years old, I became pregnant. I was not married and our family was very poor. I had finished my first year of college, and I had a choice: to seek an abortion or have the baby.



My choice was to have my baby. I spent the summer trying to decide what was best. I told my mother, who was unwavering in her insistence I go back to college regardless of my pregnancy.

It was Heidi who took care of me at college. She had me move into her apartment, lifted my spirits, and made certain I saw a doctor to stay healthy. I saw a counselor for help with my decision, attended my college classes, and gave birth with Heidi by my side.

I made the extremely difficult decision that my baby deserved so much more than what I had to give, so I released my child for adoption. We held her, loved her, and cried when we let her go. Today, my daughter and I have found each other. Our story has a happy ending.

In this campaign, my sister has been called a "baby killer" by some who don't know her. We were raised Catholic, went to church every Sunday, and most holy days. Our Christian faith told us to help the poor, the homeless, the vulnerable, and those with no voice. That's how we've lived our lives, and it's what Heidi does every day for North Dakota in the Senate.

I am proud of my sister. While this campaign could go either way, I will no longer allow others who don't know Heidi define her morals - especially Kevin Cramer.

Melanie Heitkamp

— Melanie Heitkamp, Heidi Heitkamp's Sister

Letter from Melanie Heitkamp and My Answer to It **by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)**

November 10, 2018

Dear Melanie Heitkamp,

Your letter was handed to me by my husband yesterday. We do not have a mail receptacle outside our residence and often forget to even look for the occasional letter that may show up there. This is to explain why we did not see this letter until yesterday.

I am sure your letter was meant to pull at the heartstrings of many voters across the state of North Dakota, so they would vote for your sister Heidi Heitkamp and elect her for her second term in the US Senate. I am so glad that you decided to keep your baby and put it up for adoption, rather than to abort it. That was the right thing to do. Because of the bonds held between family members, I would also expect some of your family members would or should support you as well as to help you while you are pregnant and be there for you and the baby when you give birth. This should be what happens in all family units. That you had a happy ending later with you and your daughter being reunited years later is a great thing. You are a lucky person.

All people on this earth do good things at times as well as doing bad things at other times. That is the condition of the human heart and mind. We are all capable of doing the right thing, just as we are all capable of doing the wrong thing. We should also make correct decisions regarding those we choose to spend our time with. For example, if we are with someone who has just robbed someone, and we do not immediately report it to the police, we are guilty by association. If caught, we can also go to jail even though all we did was stand there and watch the crime being committed.

Heidi Heitkamp was running for Senate on the Democratic ticket. The Democratic Party funds planned parenthood who aborts babies by the thousands and has recently been found to sell the body parts of babies they have just murdered. Yes, I said murdered.

The Democratic Party continues to call people who do not support abortion just about every name under the sun because they claim it is a woman's right to abort her unborn baby. Abortion is murder and women do not have a right to abort their unborn babies any more than you or I have a right to kill a full-grown adult. Just because you call it abortion and make it legal does not by any means make it morally right or even legal by God's standards. When a mother aborts her baby, it is okay with the Democratic Party, but when a young teenager with no family support has a baby in a public restroom and leaves it there to die everyone is outraged and calls it murder. Why is one murder and the other not?

Your sister does not protect those with no voice when she chooses to align herself with the Democratic Party. Babies in the womb have no voice and the Democratic Party is all for aborting them. They claim it is the right of women to abort (murder) their unborn babies.

I recently quit my book club which I enjoyed attending for over 6 years because they started to run down the President of the United States of America and were clearly calling him crazy even though they are not mental health doctors and have never met President Donald Trump.

The Democratic Party chooses to run down the President no matter what he does, it doesn't seem to matter. The Democratic Party wants no wall and no border. They wanted all people to come to this country even if they are gang members and murderers and many of them are. I don't know about you, but I am not rich, I cannot afford to put a wall around my house and hire security guards to watch my property 24/7. I depend on the government to protect my country from outside forces that have no business being here in the first place. I am a descendant of Dutch, English and Irish immigrants that came into this country legally a few generations ago. This is a great country that helps the entire world and all we expect is for people to come in the legal way and to learn English. I cannot even go to the store and buy

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anything without it having all these instructions in many languages. Our language here is English, learn it or go back to your own country. My grandmother knew 3 languages, Dutch, German and English. She was a wonderful woman who blessed this country with 10 new American Citizens who love this country. If you do not love this country, then you should leave or not come here in the first place.

The Democratic Party does not want to work with any people that do not agree with them. The Democratic Party wants everyone here to be Socialists which is one step above Communism, and many go along with it because they want free stuff. Someone must pay for the free stuff because it is not free. When you go to an online store and see where it says “Free Shipping” on orders over \$49.00’s or whatever. The shipping is only free to you, but someone is still paying for the shipping whether the store eats it by giving up some of their profit or whether it comes because your product prices are higher in order to include the shipping costs. Someone is still paying for the shipping; it is not free.

Unfortunately, they have taken history regarding our country and our states out of the schools in recent years and have dumbed down America. Children are now taught and believe that the government owes them free stuff and that Socialism is a good thing for everyone when it is not because it is leading us into communism which has been proven not to work.

I was once a single mother and had to get help from Social Services from time to time even though I worked part time all through those years. What Social Services gives to people as free stuff is not even enough to sustain a fly. You are so much better off to work than you are to be dependent on Social Services for your food and rent. And thank God for people who can contribute money to the utility companies, so the poor can have heat in the winter and lights to see by. We have plenty of our own poor people in this country who are unable for some reason to work and depend solely on government given money in order to live at all. Why should we have to ever take that money away from them in order to support people who have no right to be in this country because they came in illegally. So, do you still want to tell me that your sister Heidi Heitkamp is looking out for those who have no voice as you put it when she is associating herself with a Political Party that would rather take care of illegal aliens than to take care of their own citizens. We are not a heartless country and have given aid to many countries, even those who do not deserve it because they chant death to America as they take our money and eat our food.

You would not have to worry about pre-existing health problems and insurance for there would be plenty of money to cover that if you stopped supporting illegal aliens who come into this country and take food and money away from our poor citizens, who murder our people, assault our people and who end up filling our jails. If we did not have to support all these illegal aliens, we could cover costs for pre-existing conditions for all Americans that need this kind of help.

The Democratic Party does not exercise common sense at all and when I see their members on TV doing all the stuff, they do, I must wonder why a person can work for our government without first taking a sanity test and showing their real birth certificate, so we know if they are American Citizens. There should be laws to make sure our government officials are American citizens and that they are sane at the time they enter any type of public office.

All I can say Melanie Heitkamp is that you are loyal to your sister and wear blinders as to who she associates with and why that is a problem for her political career which I sincerely hope is totally done now that she has lost the election. Remember you are guilty by association especially when your party has no intent to hear anyone’s voice except their own as they obstruct and continue to commit the number of crimes, they commit against each and every citizen of this country. There will be a time when those in the Democratic Party no longer get away with what they are doing. Face it, Judge Bret Kavanaugh did nothing wrong except to want to uphold the constitution of the United States of America and Heidi along with the rest of the Democratic Party not only voted No but tried to smear him so bad that it would have ruined his whole career had he not been confirmed. You cannot go around making up lies about people and get away with it. And all this violence we see today with Antifa and other groups is being encouraged and even paid for by people in the Democratic Party and their supporters. Heidi Heitkamp does not care who gets hurt or killed due to all the lies they spew out on national television. Is this what you want to defend Melanie?

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I am not Catholic, my religion is closely aligned to the Jewish Religion and if you read your Bible from Genesis to Revelation, you have the beginning of the story and the end of the story. Sex change operations, gay men, lesbian women, transgender people, abortion and the list goes on are considered sins and abominations by God so if you were truly religious you would know these things and stop being loyal to people or political parties that support things that are against God and His Law which will be the only Law in the land in the end.

Your sister is guilty by association to a Political Party that is not only totally against God and His Laws but many of their members practice witchcraft and satanic rituals. And I have only covered the high points in this letter. I could cover much more, but I will stop here. God will rule in the end, and I would rather be associated with God and His Law, than to be associated with People or Parties who believe they can do whatever they want and there will be no consequences. We are all suffering the consequences of the lawlessness of the Democratic Party right now and I for one want no part of the Democratic Party or those who follow it.

Laura Lee
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Gold
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There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So, he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel hears his plea and appears to him. “Sorry, but you can’t take your wealth with you.” The man implores the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

The man continues to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappears and informs the man that God has decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathers his largest suitcase and fills it with pure gold bars and places it beside his bed. Soon afterward the man dies and shows up at the Gates of Heaven to greet St. Peter. St. Peter seeing the suitcase says, “hold on, you can’t bring that in here!”

But the man explains to St. Peter that he has permission and asks him to verify his story with the Lord. Sure enough, St. Peter checks and comes back saying, “You’re right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but I’m supposed to check its contents before letting it through.”

St. Peter opens the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaims, “You brought pavement!!!???”

Holy Days 2022

Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022

Pentecost – June 5, 2022

Trumpets - September 26, 2022

Atonement – October 5, 2022

Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022

Last Great Day – October 17, 2022