

Braving the Storm of Distractions

Rev. 12:10 “...The accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night...”

- Ps. 63:1 “...O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.”
- Ps 63:6 “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.”
- Ps. 63:8 “My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.”

- James 1:13-14 “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. [14] But each one is tempted when he is **drawn away** by his own desires and enticed.”

- Our Jobs
- Hobbies or Projects
- News
- Entertainment
- Family, Friends, or Relationships



- Ecc. 3:1 “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”

Mat. 14:28-31 “And Peter answered Him and said, ‘Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.’ [29] So He said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, ‘Lord, save me!’ [31] And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’”

Amos 3:3 “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”

Heb. 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

2 Cor. 3:18 “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

1 Cor. 15:19 “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.”

1 John 2:25 “And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.”

“...When God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself” (Heb. 6:13).

Heb. 6:16-20 “For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. [17] Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, [18] that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. [19] **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,** and which enters the Presence behind the veil, [20] where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Ps. 119:160 “The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”

John 17:17 “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

Heb. 4:12 “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Mat. 24:24 “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

Ecc. 12:1 “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say,
‘I have no pleasure in them.’”

Is. 55:6 “Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.”

Mar 4:3-8 “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. [4] And it happened, as he sowed, [that] some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. [5] Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. [6] But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. [7] And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. [8] But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

Mar. 4:14-20 “The sower sows the word. [15] And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. [16] These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; [17] and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. [18] Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, [19] and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. [20] But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

Mat. 7:24-27 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: [25] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: [27] and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

Luke 14:26-33 “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. [27] And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. [28] For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— [29] lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, [30] "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' [31] Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? [32] Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. [33] So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

Mat 19:23-30 “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. [24] And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’ [25] When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, ‘Who then can be saved?’ [26] But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’ [27] Then Peter answered and said to Him, ‘See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?’ [28] So Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. [29] And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. [30] But many who are first will be last, and the last first.’”

Ps. 39:5-8 “Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. [6] Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. [7] And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. [8] Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.”

1 Cor. 9:24-27 “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. [25] And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. [26] Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. [27] But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”

Phil. 3:12-14 “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. [13] Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14] I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Questions to ask ourselves about our time here during this Feast of Tabernacles:

- Are we truly coming out of this world?
- Are we growing in the grace and knowledge of our Savior and King?
- Do we feel closer to our Creator now than at the beginning?
- Will we be going back to our lives with renewed vigor and determination to become more like our Savior, by putting Him first?
- Is the majority of our time this week being spent on studying and discussing Yah's Word, rejoicing in Him and not just our own pleasures?
- Have we been building and strengthening the brotherhood, fellowshiping with brethren who are a positive influence and encourage us in our walk with our Creator?

Lev. 23:4 “These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.”

John 17:15-16 “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

1 Pet. 5:8-9 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

Luke 21:34-35 “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. [35] For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.”

1 Cor. 10:12-13 “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. [13] No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Prov. 3:6 “In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

Heb. 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

2 Pet. 3:18 “...Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”