

## TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

### GENESIS 2B - THE "WEDDING GARMENT", WHAT IS IT? ANNUAL SABBATHS

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head as we ask God for understanding in our study today.

Say - As we discussed in Genesis 2A, the weekly Sabbath is prophetic in that it pictures the long term goal of being at a great Wedding Feast called the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" which ushers in the Kingdom of God.

Say - Let's read below as Jesus is still trying to reach the people even though He knew they were after Him in the Parable of the Wedding Feast; He said,

2The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,  
8Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 11And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment (this man had on "strange" apparel because he had not repented of his sins; he had not "put on" the spiritual "Wedding Garment"): 12And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment (why have you not repented of your sins)? And he was speechless Matthew 22:2, 8, 11-12.

Say - In our study today, we will learn God's Holy Days, weekly and annual Sabbaths teach us how to prepare the Wedding Garment so we can be seated at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Say - In essence, God sent out an invitation to "many" to come to The Marriage Supper of the Lamb but only a "few" answer His invitation. The Bible says, "For many are called, but few are chosen" Matthew 22:14. The "calling" or "invitation" was the first step in "preparing" the Wedding Garment. We either had to accept or decline the invitation.

Say - After we receive the "Wedding Invitation" or "calling", everyone must "count the cost" of accepting the invitation because it means we forsake all else to follow God. The Bible tells us, "...when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" Matthew 13:46.. The "pearl of great price" is the TRUTH or Good News of obtaining eternal life or being at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb". There are questions we must answer. Are we willing to put God and His teachings above all else such as church, work, fun, friends and families and make Him number one in our lives?

Say - Are we ready to talk and walk the "strait and narrow way" which leads to eternal life and give up the "broad way" of life which leads to death? Are we ready to put our "hand to the plow" and not look back for "Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" Luke 9:62? Why did He say this; because if our heart is back in the world we can have no part with Him because His ways are far different than the world's way of life?

Say - While there are many additional things to consider in "counting the cost" of following God, if we answer "yes" to these questions, we are ready to accept the "Wedding Invitation". We are ready to begin to "prepare" or "make ready" the Wedding Garment. We are ready to walk the "Path of Life" revealed through God's Sabbaths. We are ready to "keep", guard, protect, wait for, treasure and celebrate God's Sabbaths, weekly and annual, which will teach us how to "Put on" the "Wedding Garment".

Say - Let's take a look at how His Holy Days teach us to "Prepare" our "Wedding Garment".

### SABBATHS

Say - The Sabbaths of God are "... a sign (a "token", or "proof" of betrothal or engagement) between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you (set apart as a treasure to God because we are His Bride)" Exodus 31:13, Ezekiel 20:20 (see Genesis "2A").

### PASSOVER, DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD AND PENTECOST AND THE WEDDING GARMENT

Say - Passover teaches us about preparing our "Wedding Garment" for we must "bury" or "wash away" the "Old Garment" of sin or lawlessness by REPENTING of our sins which is "the disobedience of God's laws", I John 3:4. When we come to the point in our lives where we can say, "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate" Proverbs 8:13, then we are ready for repentance. Repentance means we cry out to God as David did and say "2Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity (lawlessness), and cleanse me from my sin. 3For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:...7Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8Make me to hear joy and gladness; ... 9Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities

(lawlessness). 10Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" Psalm 51:2-10.

Say - A "repentant heart" is where we "Put on" part of the "Wedding Garment" which is a spiritually "Circumcised Heart or Mind".  
"10And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:  
11In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ"  
Colossians 2:10-11. A "circumcised" heart is when we abhor our sinful nature and want to remove impure thoughts from our mind and change to a Godly nature. The Bible says, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins (Christ's shed blood makes the forgiveness of our sins possible)" I John 2:2, 4:10, Romans 3:25.

Say - Once we have repented of our sins, we are ready for BAPTISM. Baptism is symbolic of "putting off" the old filthy garment of sin we once wore and "bury" the lawless, disobedient man and "wash" away symbolically the "spots" and "blemishes" of deception, spiritual darkness, superstition, false doctrine, lusts of the flesh, gossip and all lawlessness, by being immersed in water. Then we are ready to replace the old garment of sin and "put on" part of the "Wedding Garment", the "Robe" or "Breastplate of Righteousness"!

Say - The Bible says "12Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith (when we come out of the waters of baptism) of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened (given life) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses (now that we begin to walk in the ways of God's Instructions and Laws willingly); Colossians 2:10-11. Lawless people are not spiritually circumcised in the heart or mind even though they make think they are.

Say - The "Robe and Breastplate of Righteousness" are ALL of God's Instructions or Laws of Love which must replace the former ways of "lawlessness", Psalm 119:172, Romans 13:10! The Bible says ... ALL thy commandments are righteousness", Psalms 119:172. Also included in the "Breastplate of righteousness" is the "Breastplate of faith and love" I Thessalonians 5:8. "Faith" providing the vision, the conviction, the assurance of the TRUTH of God's laws and by obedience, "LOVE" is the fruit of the inner righteousness of God, "...for love is the fulfilling (living, doing) of the law", Romans 13:10.

Say - All of God's Instructions is the standard by which God's chosen people, His Bride are to become righteous, just and good. "Put on"

means to "clothe" ourselves in His way, His teachings and His laws which is the only way to know the "Righteousness of God", the very love of God. Only through Jesus Christ can anyone become righteous, "This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD Isaiah 54:17. The "Robe and Breastplate of Righteousness" is the part of the "Wedding Garment" which is the very nature of Christ; the nature which abhors evil and loves holiness, justice, mercy, and peace.

Say - In another place we are told, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have PUT ON CHRIST Galatians 3:26-27! In other words, it took a step of faith to be baptized opening the way to "Put on Christ" or become begotten of Him.

Say - Paul gives us two more reasons to "put on" the "Robe" or "Breastplate of Righteousness". He says, "So YOU will be able to stand in that evil day". Paul is talking about evil in our daily life and the "Time of trouble" or "tribulation" which is to come upon our nation. With God's Laws firmly engraved upon our mind, we will be able to stand against SATAN and SIN! The Bible says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Ephesians 6:12. Satan uses humans as his tool, his cover-up; SATAN is the conflict we face in our daily life and in the "time of trouble" to come. JESUS is our "Breastplate of righteousness" and our ONLY barrier against Satan and sin!

Say - Another reason to "Put on the "Robe" and "Breastplate of Righteousness"; "And he (Christ) saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: ... and his righteousness, it sustained (upheld Him, allowed Him to remain steadfast unto death,) him. 17FOR HE PUT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A BREASTPLATE...Isaiah 59:16-17 These verses teach us it was the "Breastplate of Righteousness" (knowing God's Instructions, Laws) which sustained Christ on the stake. If this is what sustained Christ facing death, surely it will be what will sustain us now in our daily lives and in the time of trouble to come.

Say - The Bible teaches us His Instructions and Laws and Word are spiritual or power Romans 7:14, For we know that the law is spiritual...; Ephesians 6:17. When we put on the Christ, the "Robe" and "Breastplate of Righteousness", it is power, it is life!

Say - Below are some additional benefits of the "Robe" or "Breastplate of Righteousness".

Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death (2nd death). 5The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way (the Instructions of God of the innocent is the way of life): but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. 8The righteous is delivered out of trouble (delivered from the enemy, Satan), and the wicked cometh in his stead.

9An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge (of God's Instructions/Laws) shall the just (righteous) be delivered. 18The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness (of God's Instructions) shall be a sure reward (wage of eternal life).

23The desire of the righteous is only good (the longing in our hearts should be of pleasant thoughts); but the expectation of the wicked is wrath. 30The fruit (of the ground, our children, our actions), of the righteous is a tree of life (this is our goal); and he that winneth souls is wise Proverbs 11. 3A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved (has a firmly rooted foundation in Christ).

5The thoughts of the righteous are right (makes decisions based on God's Instructions or Laws): but the counsels of the wicked are deceit. 12The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit (yields the "fruits of God's spirit" love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" Gal. 5, because they are attached to the "Vine", Jesus Christ, the source of perfect nutrients).

Say - Is there any doubt of the importance of the "Robe or Breastplate of Righteousness" as part of the Wedding Garment? Is it any wonder God told His Bride, "7And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" "for they are LIFE" Deuteronomy 6:7-9, 32:47!

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Say - With the decision made to accept the "Invitation" or the "calling" and one has "counted the cost" of following God and repented of sin and been baptized, we are ready to enter into a "Covenant" relationship with Christ as His Bride and "Ratify" or "Seal" the "Covenant" or "Agreement" at the Lord's Supper and each year thereafter the "Covenant" is "renewed" at the Lord's Supper. "2For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy (jealous in a good sense, that we will not be torn from Him for He wants to busy Himself about His Bride and we are to busy ourselves about Him in an intimate

relationship forever): for I have espoused (engaged) you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" 2 Corinthians 11:2.

Say - What is the "covenant" or agreement we are entering into at the Lord's Supper? It is the same "Covenant" or "Agreement" God made with the children of Israel when He "delivered" them out of Egypt, symbolic of sin, after they have just come through baptism in the Red Sea. The "Covenant" or terms of the Marriage agreement are found in Exodus 20-24. Read the terms as if this happened to you. I have printed the rules of the "Marriage" between God and His Bride below.

1And God spake all these words, saying, 2I am the LORD thy God (Deliverer, Savior), which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage (read as if you have just come out of Babylon, sin, darkness of deception). 3Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image (even if of the true God, it is idol worship, don't box me into an image), or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above (no worship of sun, moon or stars, constellations, horoscopes, etc), or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments (who walk in my Laws and obey them, not change them). 7Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy (don't forget to "Keep", guard, protect, observe, wait for, treasure and celebrate my Sabbaths. Engrave it in your mind so we are aware of it all the time. Commit the day to be with Him.). 9Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day (not the 1st, 6th, 4th, etc): wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 13Thou shalt not kill. 14Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15Thou shalt not steal. 16Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. 17Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Exodus 20.

The Bible says, 3And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do ("All" meaning Chapters 20-24).

4And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel (they ratify the marriage covenant). 5And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD (Now they are going to have the Wedding Supper).

6And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient (they all had good intentions but we know what happened; we must ask ourselves, how good are our intentions). 8And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words (Just as in the New Testament, gave it to the 12 disciples but meant everyone, John 6:53-59.).

10And they saw the God of Israel (Saw Jesus Christ, not in full glory or His face but His form): and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness (the throne of God). 11And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink (this was the first Wedding Supper only they had to serve themselves, in the future, Christ will serve His Bride). I hope you will read and study the remaining chapters for understanding.

Say - Christ describes His beautiful Bride when He called them out of Egypt when they had "Put on" the Robe of Righteousness (all His Instructions and Laws)". Here is what He said,

"8Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee (His garment over her is a metaphor of care and protection as in saying that He will marry her), and covered thy nakedness (sin): yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee (a marriage covenant), saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine. 9Then washed I thee with water (repentance and baptism declaring innocent); yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee (deemed not guilty), and I anointed thee with oil (by His spirit broke the yoke of bondage of sin).

10I clothed thee also with brodered work (many fine gems metaphor of His Holy Law), and shod thee with badgers' skin (sandals), and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk (totally purified and innocent). 11I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck (adorned with majesty). 12And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head (He exalted her in great splendor!).

13Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom. 14And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty (beauty and gracefulness of His Bride): for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD" Ezekiel 16:8-14. When we "Put On" the "Wedding Garment", we will be beautiful also and shine in great splendor for we will be a REFLECTION of God!

### DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Say - The night following the Lord's Supper is a NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED the Bible tells us! For it was the night the Children of Israel were waiting for God to PASSOVER (not Easter over) their families. This was the night of the 15th of Abib or Nisan, the night the Exodus from Egypt happened. It was a very sober, solemn night of watching and waiting, being on guard for the "death angel" to PASSOVER. It was a day to preserve in their mind and heart and it is an ordinance of God we are to keep in remembrance of the day He brought them and us out of sin. This night is the beginning of the Next Holy Day and 7 Days of Unleavened Bread where we are taught to "Put On" another piece of the Wedding Garment, to be "Clothed with Humility".

Say - 3And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day (engrave it in our mind; tell your family the miracle of the personal story of the day God brought us out of sin. Tell it as a personal relationship, God brought ME out with HIS strong hand.), in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage (tell our families how sin puts us in bondage; this is how we learn the lesson of the slavery of sin); for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten

4This day came ye out in the month Abib (the month of green ears). 5And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, ... which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month (symbolic of the Kingdom of God). 6Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD. 8And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand (Holy Sabbath, betrothal), and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt (engrave the lessons in our mind and heart and impress them upon our families so we never forget them). 10Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year (this is how we will learn the lessons of the slavery of sin and never go back).



Say - By becoming "unleavened", Christ's spirit, the very nature, character, personality and mind of Christ can take up residency in His Bride as we learn to "Put On" the attitude of a willing servant to all, good and bad. Days of Unleavened Bread teaches us to "Put on" or "be clothed with Humility or meekness, a very important part of the "Wedding Garment". How do we "put on" Humility or modesty of oneself? 5Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder (if they teach the Truth of God). Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud (arrogant, boastful, self exultation), and giveth grace (forgiveness) to the humble I Peter 5:5.

Say - 7Submit yourselves therefore to God (submit willingly to His instructions). Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (many choose to do just the opposite and resist God's teachings). 8Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you (only if we submit to Him sincerely). Cleanse your hands (by repentance), ye sinners; and purify your hearts (spiritually circumcise the heart or mind)...James 4:7-8. "Surely he scorneth the scorners; but he giveth grace unto the lowly (humble)" Proverbs 3:34.

Say - The "Unleavened Bread" was and is symbolic of the one, Jesus Christ, who "Took them by the hand and led them and us out of Egypt/sin", Ex. 3:7-9. Jesus Christ is the one we are to "Feast On", daily, the True Unleavened Bread. The Bible says, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world (this is the new covenant, eat Him and drink Him to become like Him Jeremiah 31:31). Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you....(ingest His spiritual Instructions, laws, truth, everything He says for His words are spiritual, they give eternal life, nothing else can) John 6:51-53.

Say - We are to Feast on Unleavened Bread of Jesus every day of our lives which are His Instructions or Laws for "putting on" the "Wedding Garment". Please read the following:

Sin causes our prayers to go unheard, Isaiah 1:15. In contrast, the Unleavened Bread of Jesus "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers..." I Peter 3:12.

Sin puts us in bondage as slaves, Romans 8:15. In contrast, the Unleavened Bread of Jesus, "... brought in... our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus" Galatians 2:4.

Sin starts to control our emotions and actions John 8:34. In contrast, the Unleavened Bread of Jesus, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves ... his servants ye are to whom ye obey..." Romans 6:16

Sin dulls our hearing, Matt. 13:15, Mark 4:2. In contrast the Unleavened Bread of Jesus, "He that is of God heareth God's words (speaking spiritually)..." John 8:47.

Sin makes us love evil. But in contrast the Unleavened Bread of Jesus, "For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD" Psalms 33:4, 5.

Sin makes us arrogant and puffed up, Proverbs 8:13. In contrast the Unleavened Bread of Jesus, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" Col. 3:12, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" James, 4:6.

Sin deceives us, Rev. 12:9. But in contrast the Unleavened Bread of Jesus, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" Psalms 32:8.

Say - Is there any doubt to the importance of being "Clothed in Humility" as a vital part of the "Wedding Garment"?

### PENTECOST

Say - Pentecost teaches us more about the "Wedding Garment". Pentecost teaches us we must be given and "Put On" the life-giving "spirit" of God when we come out of the waters of baptism. His Life-giving spirit is the very POWER of God to overcome sin and evil in this life. No one will be at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" unless they have God's spirit and He will only give His spirit to those who obey Him. As we said, it is the "Life-giving" part of the Wedding Garment creating the "New Creature In Christ" which is to grow in the nature and character of God and "mature" or produce Godly fruits and ripen for the first "Harvest" or first resurrection, Revelation 20:6. Receiving God's spirit is the "down payment or promise of receiving the "Garment of Salvation" which is the "Wedding Garment" to those who "hold fast" until His return for His Bride.

### FEAST OF TRUMPETS

Say - The Feast of Trumpets ushers in the "Harvest Time" for God's people or Bride. At the sound of the last trumpet blast, the Son of

Man shall descend from heaven and gather His Bride unto Him. He will know His Bride by the "Wedding Garment" she is wearing. 30And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: 31And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect (His Chosen, those who answered the "Wedding Invitation" with a "Yes") from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other  
Matthew 24:31. "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness (God's Laws), as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels" Isaiah 61:10. This is the reward time for God's people; it is when they receive the "Garment of Salvation" "for the Bride has made herself ready".

### DAY OF ATONEMENT

- Say - The Day of Atonement pictures the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" and the Bride receives the "Crown of Life". Remember once a year on the Day of Atonement the High Priest went through many preparations for an elaborate ceremony before he could enter into the Holy of Holies which is symbolic of God's throne in Heaven; the most perfect and the most intimate dwelling place between God and His people, His Bride. Remember the Cloud in the Holy of Holies was symbolic of the Presence of God.
- Say - 4He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired (tiara of the high priest, symbolic of a king); these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on (It was not that the high priest had come to the most Holy Place dirty but God says, clean yourself again because, when His Bride, symbolized by the High Priest, enters into the Holy of Holies, symbolic of the closest intimacy with God, her Bridegroom wants her spotless. God wants His people to be clean through repentance; sin stinks!)
- Say - 12And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil (God wants His Holy of Holies, the most intimate dwelling place with His bride, to be of a sweet smelling fragrance, that's the only fragrance He will recognize. Those who do not have on the "Wedding Garment" are said to have a "strange" fragrance, one He does not recognize.)
- Say - Now Jesus Christ is our High Priest and resides in the true Holy

of Holies, the Throne of God, at the side of God our Father. The Holy of Holies or God's Throne is the most intimate setting between the Bride and Groom, now Husband and Wife in fulfillment when He returns. Below is how the Bible describes this most wonderful day.

"10My beloved spake (Christ speaking), and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away (Christ, our Husband, is saying this is not the Promised Land, don't get comfortable here; we are just passing through, He said, "Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest" Micah 2:10. Christ tells us why, "Because it is polluted (with sin), it shall destroy you... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, Micah 2:10 II Cor. 6:17.).

### FEAST OF TABERNACLES - THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH

"7We will go into his tabernacles (His dwelling place): we will worship at his footstool. 8Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength. 9Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness (His Laws); and let thy saints shout for joy. 12If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. 13For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. 14This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell (with you); for I have desired it", Psalms 132:7-9, 12-14.

Say - He goes on to tell us, "For, lo, the winter is past..." "Winter" was the time of our life before we knew God, BLIND to what sin was and we walked in a season of spiritual darkness and "knew not at what we stumbled", He is saying it is "past", Proverbs 4:19, Ps. 82:5, John 8:12, I John 2:8.

Say - "The rain is over and gone". "Rain" means a "Violent shower"; the "Violence" of sin, the "Confusion" of sin, the "Darkness" of sin is lifted; it's over and gone!

Say - Sin, which separated us from our Husband, our God, is past, He tells us, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed (rescued) thee (from certain death) Isaiah 44:22, Jer. 50:20, II Cor. 5:17, Eph. 2:1).

Say - Christ, the Son of Righteousness, drives the "Violent rain" away; He gives us eternal life as we are "born again" at His coming! The Bible says, "And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain" II Sam.23:4.

Say - Now on to the next phrase in this group of verses. "The flowers appear on the earth", is an invitation to the bride to put on her "Wedding Dress", and adorn herself in garlands and garments of beauty to meet the king, her Husband, for when the fruit blossoms (we are the fruits) it is not long until He comes for us and the harvest. (Note: When the flowers blossom it symbolizes The Kingdom of God is at hand but not fully come. It is not yet ripe for harvesting, it is only flowering.)

Say - Whereas in "The singing of the birds, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land", is the love song of His Bride of everlasting joy when Christ finally comes and "Harvests His first fruits!!!

"3And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed (rescued from death and the pollution of sin) from the earth" Rev. 14:3.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" Rev. 19:6.

"10But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us, Jeremiah 35:10.

Say - Continuing on with our verses, "The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell" indicates she is ready to harvest and He ends it as He began, "Arise, My love, my fair one, and come away" (vs.14), meaning the harvest is come; it is a complete love story from beginning to end like no other!

Say -Do you think the following is what we will say or how we will begin to those who are in the 2nd resurrection?

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely, Rev. 22:17.

"... Rise up, my love, (we will call them by name) my fair one, and come away. 11For, lo, the winter is past (spiritual darkness is past, they can see the Truth for the first time), the rain is over and gone;

12The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land;

13The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Say - Finally they will be told and understand "the rest of the story"; it will be a wonderful day!

### THE LAST GREAT DAY

Say - "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished..." Rev. 20:5. The Last Great Day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> greater harvest and is known as the Great White Throne Judgment, Ezekiel 37, Rev. 20:11-15.

Say - Finally, the entire world will know as we have discussed who the True God is, who the True Church or Bride of Christ is and with the Wedding complete it will be time for children, the "children of the world", all nations, just as Christ said on the Last Great Day, "If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink" John 7:37. "For Christ is not willing that any should perish" 2 Peter 3:9.

Say - This Holy Day pictures a time when anyone from the time of Adam who has died not knowing the truth of God will be resurrected and with the deception of Satan removed, all will be offered salvation for the very first time and given the opportunity to answer God's call to come to Him and repent, be baptized and receive His spirit and receive the "Garment of Salvation" of eternal life as He makes them in His image, John 7:37, 38, Gen. 1:26.

### WHAT WAS WRONG OF THE ONE WHO "HAD NOT ON A WEDDING GARMENT" OF MATTHEW 22:11?

Say - What was lacking with the man who "had not on a wedding Garment"? Even though he had been "called" of God and "invited to the Wedding Supper", he had not answered the "calling". He was still in his sins; he had not repented, he was in the spiritual darkness of the winter, "stumbling about".

Say - He was in the "violent showers" of the confusion of sin, the violence of sin, the darkness of sin. He was in spiritual Babylon where he was told God's Instructions and Laws were done away including His Holy Sabbaths. God's weekly Sabbath day, the 7th day, had been changed to Sunday. God's Spring Holy Days had been overlaid with Easter (Ishtar), the fertility Goddess. God's Fall Holy Days had been overlaid with the celebration of the Winter Solstice.

Say - In other words he had gotten his religion from a different source other than the Word of God, a false source. God had to tell him, "...I know you not whence you are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity" Luke 13:27.

Say - 11And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment (this man had on "strange" apparel because he had not repented of his sins; he had not "put on" the spiritual "Wedding Garment") Matthew 22:11.

Say - "...those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him. 7Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. 8And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel" Zephaniah 1:6-8.

Say - Now is a good time to ask ourselves, how are we "Preparing" the "Wedding Garment"? Is it a "Strange" Garment or is it one Christ will recognize when He returns?

#### MEMORY VERSE

Let us be glad and rejoice,  
and give honor to Him  
for the marriage of the Lamb is come,  
and His wife hath made herself ready.  
REVELATION 19:7

#### MEMORY VERSE FOR TOTS

...THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB IS COME...  
REVELATION 19:7

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

## WEDDING GARMENT

AS YOUNG AS I AM, PREPARE THE WEDDING GARMENT, IS  
SOMETHING I WANT TO DO;  
FOR THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB I WOULD NOT MISS TO  
SPEND FOREVER WITH YOU.

SORRY I WILL BE IF I SHOULD DISOBEY GOD'S LAWS FOR HIS  
INSTRUCTIONS KEEP ME FROM ALL HARM;  
BAPTISM WILL BE FOR ME AS SOON AS I GROW UP AND THEN HIS  
ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS HE WILL PLACE UPON MY ARM.

AT PASSEVER, HE WILL BE MY GOD AND A BRIDE TO HIM I WILL BE,  
IT IS A COVENANT OR AGREEMENT I WANT TO MAKE WITH  
THEE.  
A NIGHT TO BE MUCH REMEMBERED OF WHEN HE, FROM SIN, SET  
ME FREE.

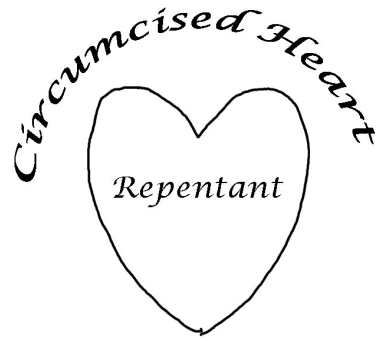
BE AS HUMBLE OR INNOCENT AS A CHILD IS WHAT I WANT TO  
STAY;  
FOR THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD TEACH ME TO FEAST ON  
HIS WAYS EACH AND EVERY DAY.

HIS SPIRIT IS POWER; IT IS WHAT GIVES US THE POWER TO  
OVERCOME SIN AND GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE;  
WHEN CHRIST RETURNS, THE GARMENT OF SALVATION REWARDED I  
WILL BE AND FOREVER BE HIS WIFE.

WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDS, "ARISE" HE'LL SAY TO ME, THE  
"DARKNESS OF WINTER IS PAST",  
"THE VIOLENT RAIN" OF SIN IS GONE, "I HAVE RESCUED YOU",  
ETERNAL LIFE AT LAST.

THE FLOWERS I WILL CHOOSE TO PUT IN MY HAIR AND THE  
WEDDING DRESS OF BEAUTY I WILL WEAR;  
FOR THE "SINGING OF THE BIRDS" ARE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE  
LAND AND THE EVERLASTING JOY WHEN CHIRST FOR ME, HIS  
BRIDE, TAKES MY HAND. BY B. R. B.

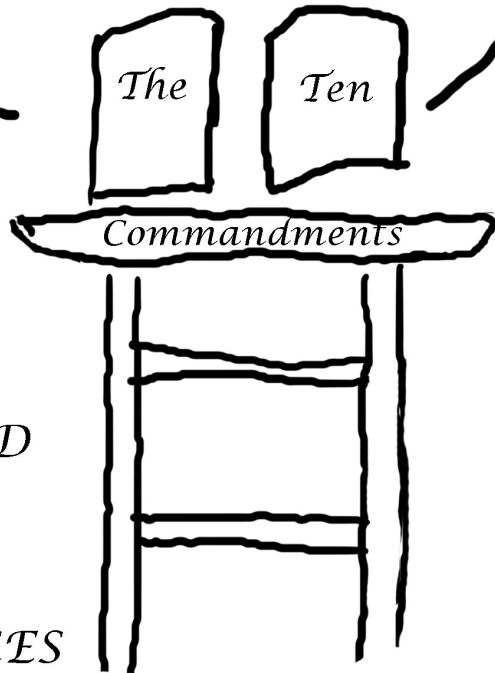




*The Marriage of the Lamb is  
come and his wife has made herself  
ready.*  
*Rev. 19:7*

*HOW DID SHE  
MAKE HERSELF  
READY?*

*SABBATHS  
PASSOVER  
UNLEAVENED BREAD  
PENTECOST  
TRUMPETS  
ATONEMENT  
FEAST OF TABERNACLES  
LAST GREAT DAY*



B.R.B.