**The Answers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd RUTC:**

 **Future Inside the Covenant of the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23: 41-44) 5/24/2020**

God had the Israelites keep the Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles as they were passing through the wilderness. Verse 41 of the passage called this a lasting ordinance. There are several covenants within that but in other words it is an ordinance regarding the believer’s future. This was important for the Israelites who were passing through the wilderness. How will we live our life from now on? Will we be able to go to Canaan? **People fall into anxiety and worry before problems of the future, and that creates despair and depression and even progresses into mental problems**. When we discuss future problems, this includes the **individual’s future**, our **children’s future**, and the **world’s future**. Stress levels are abnormal especially during uncertain times like this where we have had to stop everything and merely wait. There is the last future. It is an **eternal future**. Eventually, a time will come where I will have to conclude my life. How should I stand before the Lord at that time? The covenant of the tabernacle has given us an absolute, complete, and eternal answer regarding our future.

**1. The Feast of Tabernacles is a covenant that God has prepared a perfect future for His saved people (children).**

**1) First, the Feast of Tabernacles is a festival of thanksgiving given after people harvest the fruits of their years’ worth of labor.**

**① When farmers scatter seeds in the spring, they do so with the hope that these small seeds will bear fruit in the fall.**

However, many people fail to enjoy this blessing. That is why people become discouraged, fall into despair, and eventually crumble.

**② The reason why people are unable to live like that is because of the problem that started in Genesis 3.**

As a result of Adam and Eve's fall, the ground was also cursed (Genesis 3:17-18). That is why despite the labor, people are empty-handed and unfairly robbed from.

**③ To be saved means that we have been freed from the fundamental curse that began from Genesis 3.**

Christ delivered me from my sin and curses as he died as my Priest on the cross (Romans 8:1-2), broke the authority of Satan that is still stealing lives (1John 3:8), and is with us through the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-18). We are no longer living a cursed life but have become ones who will enjoy God’s blessing. This is how we should give thanks for being saved.

**2) As we go, nothing we face matters when we plant the seed of the covenant in our hearts and soul.**

This is the reason they were told to build shelters and stay in there for seven days (verses 42-43). This is the conclusion of the days that were lived in those shelters.

**① This is why we are told to believe that all the problems and incidents we face will come together for good works (Romans 8:28).**

We are not in the level of living life being worried and anxious about our future. Know the conclusion that God has prepared and go forward (Covenant Journey).

**② That is why the Feast of Tabernacles is not only for giving thanks for the things that have been given, but also for those that will be given (Deuteronomy 16:15).**

This is called the thanksgiving of faith. It is a thanksgiving that is given from believing that God will fulfill what He has promised, and therefore, believing that you have already received it. Thus, pray with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6), and be watchful with thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2).

**3) The people of God became a witness of an age with this faith and saved the world (Acts 1:8).**

**① The word that David, who had the most hardships, frequently used the most was thanksgiving.**

How does the Bible record His entire life? He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth, and honor (1 Chronicles 29:28).

**②Apostle Paul, who evangelized while facing the most hardships, had the most thankfulness (Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:6, Colossians 2:7, Acts 27:35).**

If we hold onto the correct covenant and restore a correct faith, Satan will flee (1Peter 5:7-9).

**2. The Feast of Tabernacles is a covenant regarding the true fruit, blessing of faith, and in other words, the spiritual blessings that we must enjoy.**

We are continuously deceived because we see the blessings that God gives with a materialistic, physical, and worldly standard.

**1) This is the reason the Israelites repeatedly failed and crumbled. There was no water immediately and the roads were rough.**

What was the problem that eventually came? It was the incident where they were bitten by spiritual problems, serpents (Satan) (Numbers 21:4-6). That is why it says to set our minds on things above and to put worldly things to death (Colossians 3:1-5). It means to long for spiritual blessings. This is the blessing that God wants to give us ("the spiritual blessings of the heavenly realms" in Ephesians 1:3-5).

**2) Although there may not be other things or a lack of things, we will triumph even in the most despairing situations if we enjoy this blessing.**

**① This is the blessing that David enjoyed in Psalms 23.**

He did not lack in anything because the Lord was His Shepherd (verse 1). He says, “the Lord prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows.”

**② This is the blessing of the filling of the covenant, the filling of the Holy Spirit, the filling of faith.**

The state of enjoying this blessing is called, spirituality and spiritual summit. God's absolute power (miracle) is revealed at that time (Luke 7:9, Luke 8:48, Matthew 17:20). It does not matter if problems are unsolved. God said that He will enable us to overcome everything (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

**3) The time of listening to the word, praying, and evangelizing is the time of enjoying this blessing.**

Live like a farmer that plants this seed every 24 hours, every 365 days (this is the 3 today). You will surely stand in the place of a spiritual summit.

**① Faith will be restored as much as I listen to the gospel word and as much as that word takes place in me (Romans 10:17).**

**② My time of prayer is the time to g into the deep places of God (John 14:12-14).**

Jesus also followed the Father’s will in prayer, received strength, and lived a life of obedience (Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12, Mark 6:46). That is my worship prayer, scheduled prayer, continuous prayer, 24-hour prayer needs to be trained lifelong.

**③ Faith will unwittingly form especially when I think of evangelism, pray, and want to save people.**

 The fruit that comes on top of that faith is Mark 16:16-20 (healing), Matthew 28:18-20 (disciple), John 21:15-17 (Remnant Ministry).

**3. The Feast of Tabernacles is a covenant regarding the eternal future and fruit that we will enjoy.**

This is the reason they were told to stay in the shelters during the festival of tabernacles. All worldly things and even our flesh are temporary (2 Corinthians 5:1).

**1) That is why we look upon only Christ (Hebrews 13:8) alone who is the same yesterday and today and eternal (24 hours).**

We will experience the blessing of the heavenly background, the heavenly throne, that goes beyond my standard and level in our problems and incidents.

**2) At that time, our life will become a fruit that God rejoices (John 15:8). He allows us to stand as an absolute witness (25 hours).**

This is the reason the Feast of Tabernacles is also called the Feast of Ingathering. We individually will become holy fruits that will be placed in a heavenly warehouse. That is why saved people are also called “holy seed” (Isaiah 6:13). They are the remnants.

**3) Lastly, everything we do will connect to an eternal blessing and answer (eternity).**

This is why we were told to not let our left hand know what our right hand is doing, pray in our room, and store up in heaven (Matthew 6:1-6, 19-20). Especially, the souls that were saved through us will become our eternal prize and crown in heaven (Philippians 4:1, 2 Timothy 4:8).

**Conclusion** – We who are within the Gospel are within an absolute future that God has prepared. Within that, may you be victorious in your today.