

Preparing for Pentecost

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Believers around the world will soon be observing the Day of Pentecost. Like all of God's feast days, this day is rich in meaning.

As we draw closer to the observance of this day, I would like to give you some reminders for your study and meditation. Please consider the following three concepts as we approach the Day of Pentecost.

Law of God

When we reflect upon the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread, we remember the lessons of the children of Israel.

We remember them receiving deliverance from the bondage of Egypt.

We remember that their deliverance was through water (Exodus 14:26-29).

We remember God discussing a covenant with them (Exodus 19:1-6).

Then, we remember God giving them His 10 commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).

As you reflect back to some history in the Old Testament at this time of year, remember God giving His people freedom and instructing them in His expectations of them.

I hope you will avoid viewing your observance of the Ten Commandments as a badge of superiority over other people.

Rather, I hope will view your observance of the Ten Commandments as a blessing to you and to your family.

Spirit of God

You probably remember Jesus telling His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received a power from on high (Luke 24:49).

At the beginning of the book of Acts, Luke wrote about that previous reminder (Acts 1:4).

On the day of Pentecost, that power came in a dramatic fashion (Acts 2:1-13).

As you reflect back to some history in the New Testament at this time of year, remember God giving this tremendous power at that time and promising it to believers (Acts 2:38-40).

Consider for a moment how the power of God in you has changed your life. Now consider how the power of God in you can change your life even more significantly.

Pretty amazing thought, isn't it?

Church of God

Do you remember when you previously believed that the Church of God was defined by allegiance to a physical man or to a physical group?

Do you remember when you had your aha moment and you discarded that erroneous concept?

Thank God for the precious truth that His church is a spiritual organism. Whoever has the Spirit of God is part of the Church of God.

The spiritual organism is sprinkled as the salt of the earth throughout the world. The spiritual organism is sprinkled as the salt of the earth throughout different physical religious groups.

Even if various people will not accept you as a part of the spiritual Body of Christ, please do not be distracted from fulfilling God's expectations of you.

He placed you into the Church of God. He had a reason, and He still has a purpose for you.