

Come Let Us Go Up...

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YHVH, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of YHVH from Jerusalem. (Micah 4:2)

What can we do to prepare ourselves spiritually and physically to celebrate YHVH's Feasts as he asks us to do, walking in obedience to his heart and will, thus positioning ourselves to stay in his river of life and receive the maximum blessings that he has for us?

Prepare Yourself for Keeping the Feasts of YHVH

- Set aside in your heart a place of desire and determination to celebrate these feasts with the body of Yeshua. Determine that you're going to love YHVH-Yeshua by keeping his Torah-commands no matter what! (John 14:15)
- Be prepared to be an overcomer. Be prepared for spiritual warfare. The enemy (the world, the flesh and devil) will oppose you all the way. Don't let down on your faith and determination to keep the feasts in accordance with the Word of Elohim. Don't wimp out! Know that you will keep this appointed time!
- Understand and respect YHVH's appointed times/seasons, places and people. These are times when YHVH commands his people to meet with him and with each other at a place where he has chosen to place his name (Lev 23:2-44; Deut 16:1-17).
- Know YHVH's biblical calendar, so that you will be able to keep the feasts on the correct days. The biblical calendar is different than the traditional rabbinic Jewish (Hillel 2) calendar. Mark these dates ahead of time on your calendar, arrange for time off work, and plan to celebrate them with other believers. (See our teaching article on this subject: http://www.hoshanarabbah.org/pdfs/new_moons.pdf.)
- Understand the importance of his feasts in the life of the redeemed believer and the central part they play in his plan of redemption/reconciliation/salvation. (See our teaching articles on this subject: <http://www.hoshanarabbah.org/teaching.html#feast>.)
- Set aside your feast tithe money so that you have the resources to keep the feasts. (Deut 14:22-26)
- Know that it is YHVH's will for you to keep the feasts, since they are forever (Lev 23:41, Matt 5:17-19). Have faith that you will be there, regardless of whether it looks like you can afford it or not. If you have the desire, you will get there. YHVH will make a way, according to your faith.

The Benefits of Keeping the Feasts

- You will come to know the heart, will, ways and love of the Father like never before (1 John 2:3-6).
- Your spiritual walk will deepen.
- You will be refreshed and energized spiritually.
- You will feel spiritually bonded and knit together with your brethren in a very special way.
- You will receive intense spiritual teaching that you cannot get anywhere else in any other way.
- You will make some awesome memories with your family and friends.
- You will have a great time!
- You will walk away forever changed because you obeyed YHVH and he met with you! He reaches down to kiss you, his spiritual bride, and to love you in a special way on his feasts.