

A camping trip to  
remember – Psalm  
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FEAST OF  
**TABERNACLES**

# 1. An ordinance of Praise! (An authoritative decision from the Lord)v 1 - 4

- Sang at Festival of trumpets – festival of tabernacles(harvest festival) v 3 (more likely)?
- Or Passover?
- Upbeat festival v1/2 (Deuteronomy 16: v13-15)
- Tabernacles – living in tents/ making booths /temporary accommodation – end of harvest holiday (Leviticus 23 v 42-43)
- Similar to camping trips! (a bit like marmite – Chris and Katy)
- For us – we have a greater tabernacle (Phil's quote) – He tabernacled with us! (John 1:14)
- We have a greater song to sing !
- Thank the LORD for the gift of singing/music! (out loud or in our hearts!)

## 2. A Mighty save!

- Redemption from Egypt v5 (went out – Joseph Lord of Egypt/LORD even more supreme!
- End of slavery v6
- They called – He rescued v6 (mightily!)
- Irony - Remembering the 40 yrs of not so joyful sojourning! – God's presence/provision
- Led to the red sea v7
- He tested them? You tested me?
- For us – we have a better redemption - The cross – we have been brought out of a slavery to sin
- You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. Rom 6:18

### 3.Listen and heed – A response !

- The law – Mt Sinai – the covenant (v8-10)
- V9 the first two commandments
- He feeds his people! (Food and his word)
- But they were foolish – v11/12
- Romans 1:24/26/28 (gave them over) (we see it today!)
- His mercy still shines! V13
- The consequences of obedience – Enemies defeated / material satisfaction  
v16 – abundance (crème de la crème/honey/Tesco's finest)
- If only the Jews did that 1<sup>st</sup> time round (no wandering!)

# To take away....

- We have a greater covenant (remember this morning?/ Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant)
- Let's be listening to God/Jesus (his word)
- Obeying his word/him (then comes blessing)
- Let's be a joyful people (not complainers!)
- Let's be using the gift of music to praise him (in the car or in your heart)
- Thank the Lord he satisfies us with his word/Jesus the bread of life!
- Let's praise him now!