

Computer Generated Transcript - So we're going to continue on in our series this week we're going to we're going to continue on in this series of fees and I want to just kind of talk about this again I've been giving this exclaim and I want to give it every week every week because of people are here just for one week I want to make sure you hear my heart on this as we talk about these old testament feasts the idea was sharing this isn't that we need to celebrate the Old Testament feasts OK it's not about trying to reinstitute the Old Covenant the Old Covenant was fine for what it was but in the New Testament they said it's OK you know it showed people who were in sin what those sins were but it is incomplete it's not able to finish the work Jesus did all of that Jesus was the final sacrifice that was needed Jesus instituted a new covenant I do not share on the Old Testament fees to try and to try and take us back to some Judaism some law you know a way of living that's that's not the point the point is it it encourages my faith to see so many foreshadows of Jesus that were that were celebrated for thousands of years before Jesus ever took his first breath as the baby in the manger All right I think that that is so amazing as we see these these these these four shadows of who Jesus is and what he was going to do and so that's why we look at this we look at this to see Jesus in the Old Testament one of my pet peeves is when I hear people use the phrase the God of the Old Testament OK it's an absolute pet peeve and what they mean is the God of the Old Testament is usually mean and old and he just likes to smite people right and then the God of the New Testament is Jesus and he's loving and he's compassionate he's a god does not have a split personality All right it is not true God is the same yesterday today and forever the God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament is the God of today all right and so I love to kind of die. Five back and see just who God is what he was doing in the Old Testament and learn from it today all right it's not about reinstituting the law it's about celebrating who God is all right and that that brings me hope and so we talked about the first four feasts now we're through the spring fees we're through spring time in the Bible it still hasn't even begun here OK I think spring this year is probably going to be like four days long right we're going to we're going to go from winter and then it's going to be like four days in the fifty's and then summer's coming right the mosquitoes will be out and all of that things you know all of our summer amazing this will be year I love spring and fall but they usually last like a week and a half apiece you know and up here but but spring is coming so we've just gone to the for spring peace and we talked about how they foreshadow all this stuff the first three Fees foreshadow the death of Jesus it foreshadows that he would not stay dead and the third one then foreshadowed that he would rise again from the grave all right and it's amazing as you look at that how that happens on Good Friday the Sabbath when he was in the tomb and then he rose on the last one the feast of firstfruits the last of those first three just paralleling what happened in scripture it's an amazing thing to study it out it's amazing thing that the two thousand years before Jesus took his first breath in a manger it was foretold exactly the timeline and what was going to happen by the feast of God And then last week we talked about the feast of Pentecost fifty days after the last one of those there's this this feast of Pentecost and we're called Pentecostals of the church like this because of what happened on the feast of Pentecost all those years ago and how we still celebrate it today and we still encourage it today and we went through that and we talked about how that feast ties together the first three and the back three we are living in the time of Pentecost right now if you will we are in the time where that feast is so important because we Jesus has come Jesus died and Jesus rose he conquered sin in the grave and. That has happened and then the church was empowered to continue to tell people about him and the feast of Pentecost so that the world is ready for these back three feasts All right you have an assignment I want I want you to hear me I say this pretty often as a pastor that your salvation is for you right Jesus came and he died for you it is absolutely for you but it's not about you right it's for you but we get saved and we are made right with God and then it becomes about other people it becomes about us sharing our faith and getting out there to make sure that as many people have a chance to say yes to Jesus as humanly possible and that's what the fourth feast exists for that's why we spent time talking about it last week it ties us all together listen you've heard me say and this is kind of my paraphrase of some really famous statement but if people in this community die and they go to hell I want to be in spite of our best

efforts I want them to have to say no I want them to have to fight over people who care so much about them that they're willing to share their faith and pray for them and make it make it hard a conscious decision not to be with Jesus and that's what the fourth exists for to give us power to do that not to be rude not to be ridiculous don't misunderstand what I'm saying you've all been around people who have shared their faith in the way that they communicated the Gospel did anything but communicate the love of Jesus. It's not helpful OK I'm not saying you can't be blunt I'm just saying Show Love show grace that's what Jesus did. But we are moving then toward the fall feasts and you begin to see this first one K. this first this first feast is the Feast of Trumpets this first fall feast it's the fifth feast overall it's the first one on the fourth or of the high just I don't even know what I just said right there I'm going to start over the first fall feast the fifth overall feast All right new might have heard if you've got a Jewish friend or something like that you might have heard it referred to as Russia Shana OK And that's that's what this this feast has come to be they had to change it a little bit because this piece is all about the temple and in eighty seventy if you know anything about history the Jewish temple was destroyed right and so the way that they celebrated this feast had to change because everything about it in these couple of verses was all about the temple and so they changed it to Russia Seana which is the beginning of the Jewish calendar civic year OK and that's what that's what Rush on a basically means New Year OK but that's not its original point it's original point was the Feast of Trumpets all right and it has become linked with all of these different things that happen around there this is this is this feast is very very slow all right or very small the description turn to Leviticus Chapter twenty three and that's where you'll see it OK Leviticus Chapter twenty three in your Bibles it's toward the beginning Genesis Exodus Leviticus twenty three K. and you'll you'll see it we're going to look at verses twenty three through twenty five I'm not going to read them today but I want you to see where they're at right and it's just this really simple short description where they're talking about they come to the temple they blow these trumpet about blasts there's a couple of sacrifices that are made for the temple in Numbers Chapter twenty nine verses two through six you can see that but this isn't complicated or long Israel is commanded to to memorialize this day now the interesting thing about this to me and as we begin to foreshadow what Jesus has talked about. We see that the first four feasts of already been fulfilled and we're waiting for the fulfillment of the service but this was supposed to be a feast that's celebrated on the new moon it was celebrated on you know you can see as you look at they are supposed to count the number of new moons that's how they reckoned a new month but a new moon can you put that first picture a new moon most of you know what we're looking for right when you see a new moon it's a new moon it's very very rare it can be very difficult to see it's hard to see but once a month we get this tiny little sliver of this new moon right and that mark the beginning of a month for them but it's a dark night OK those are dark nights I mean you've ever been out hunting or camping or something on the night of a new moon right I mean you're out there it can be eerie right even if you're familiar with the woods in your Those kind of things are not of a new moon can be it can be a little weird out there because it's just so dark right if you're out camping on on a night with a full moon you almost don't even need to set up a Lanterns right I mean it's so bright outside and and there's so much more out there but on a night of a new moon it can be difficult this actually became a two day holiday specifically because it can be tough to tell when the moon is new and another thing that could happen is things like this next slide it's pretty tough to spot a new moon when that's going down. Right I mean it doesn't even have to be a big lightning storm or a thunderstorm just a little bit of overcast clouds and it can be tough to tell when the new moon is there exactly and so it became a two day holiday but I want you to remember this happens on a dark night. And it is important for us as we take a look at that so there are two types of trumpets we talk about the Feast of Trumpets right and we talk about you know the trumpets in the Bible and all these kind of things and most of us probably think of a brass instrument that looks like the trumpet we're familiar with because in America we think of the way things we know just that's just how we do. Right that's what we're familiar with so we think of a trumpet how many you play trumpet anybody in here you play the trumpet anyone we've got like one person who kind of half raise their hand like me who else who

played a trumpet OK We got one over here all right now people are starting as I'm not going to make you do anything you don't need to be scared OK if it's all right I'm just wondering who actually played one OK it's a tough instrument I was never in a band that way I moved I would have liked to have been but I moved when I was in fifth grade and they didn't start band till sixth grade and then I moved back and they started in fifth grade there so I was a year behind and that wasn't my scene then so but I never I never played one of those I have a sister that played a lot of different things and still plays a lot of different things but I never played those kind of instruments but we think of that kind of a trumpet and there is a word for that in the Old Testament and New Testament a trumpet there's was more of a silver trumpet it's flared at the end it's almost more of a bugle Except it doesn't have the thing it straight but there's no valves like on our modern trumpet it's one long straight piece of flared metal that they blow on the more common one in the in the Old Testament is a show far right so can you throw up that third cycle of sorry that's the that's the metal trumpet I'm talking about can you move to the next slide then this is the show for that most Americans again are going to be familiar with this long thing that spindles out like that it's from a greater koodoo is is the animal that it's called from the male is called a ram and so they talk about the ram's horn and stuff like that but that's the familiar one now I'm not trying to you know make any sort of judgment about anything like that you can do that but that's not common for the Old or New Testament the priest didn't carry those around very often because they're big and I mean there are most of them are like this long and they're really awkward to carry around something that size most of what you would see if you can flip to that last slide Rebecca is that OK it's a show far it's a ram's horn Here's one right here OK this is this is a smaller one again because I don't want to drop a whole bunch of money just for an illustration but this is a small show far any trumpet player or brass player want to come try to blow it. Works similarly no no takers I worked in my office for like twenty minutes on them the best thing I got was kind of a dying cat sound out of it so I'm not going to do that right now it can be kind of difficult but this is what they would do it's small it's able to fit in a pocket they were able lot of them were able to wear it on kind of like a necklace style thing that would hold it underneath their robes but they would carry around this kind of trumpet now this becomes fairly important because just because of the illustration because of the visual that we have when you think Feast of Trumpets when you think New Testament things you need to get out of your mind the brass instrument and get that in your mind I just put myself on that promise forms that was yeah was of the mustard. All right so there's two types of trumpets we talked about that as as they go through. It's important to to know the kind of says trumpet there's all kinds of reasons they use when they use them to sound a battle arm they talk about the coronation of a new king the priest used them the week before Rush on a usually marked per times of forgiveness all right as as they were headed toward the Feast of Trumpets what the Jews would be doing was be spending time asking God for forgiveness all right as they're moving toward this dark day it was often referred to as their judgment day and you can see the same kind of watchfulness the same kind of important way to look at it in the New Testament where it talks about being prepared and being watchful the way that they were as they move toward the Feast of Trumpets Matthew twenty four forty two says watch for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming to meet these two three says looking for the blessed hope and Glorious Appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ second Peter three twelve through fourteen talks about the hastening the coming of the day of God which to which the heavens will be dissolved and all of these things be looked be looking forward to these things be diligent to be found by him in peace without spot and blameless this feast has incredible overtones toward the coming day of the return of Christ. And I know that this is an important day for us to look forward to an anticipation that's followers of Jesus but there's also a part of this day that fills me with a little bit of dread. If I'm if I'm flat honest I believe that Jesus will return because I believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God I believe that God gave us what he wanted to have happen in the Bible and I believe we have an accurate copy and translation of that and my Bible tells me as I read through it over and over again that Jesus will return he will come back and for his church what a great and glorious day as we are caught up in the sky with Jesus Christ in all of his glory in all of his triumph in

all of his splendor What an amazing day but I have family that's not ready. I have friends that aren't ready. And then I have acquaintances that aren't ready and despite me trying to share despite other people trying to share they have not chosen Jesus yet and I know that I'm supposed to look forward to this day and be just excited about it. Because I've been told that on this not because it's what the Bible says Bibles it says a look forward to with anticipation not just excitement but part of it is super exciting and the other part there is this weight. On my heart. Because for some it will be. The darkest day. For some it will be the night of the new moon. And the world is going to change drastically and suddenly and that everybody is going to be with Jesus. Not because God is mad at them but because they chose not to follow him. I'm not trying to say this is God's fault it's not it's not my fault it's not on me necessarily. We're all responsible for our own decisions. And I'm responsible to share the love of Jesus but this dark night in Israel points toward the Day of Atonement which we will cover in the coming week. But for us we're looking at this. Is the coming of Christ scripture talks about man or angels blowing trumpets all the time but there's only two times in Scripture where it actually talks about God blowing a trumpet and in my scholars out there know what they are someone you know I know it here I'll just so quiet this morning are you just depressed because it's snowing or what's the deal. Yes OK somebody is honest All right. That's the first time OK It talks about it in Exodus Chapter nineteen verses eighteen through twenty Moses is up in Mount Sinai It says it's completely in smoke because the Lord descended upon and fire and when the when he blast the trumpets sounded long became louder allows us Moses spoke and God answered him by a voice than the Lord came down upon Mount Sinai and it's the first time we see where God blow the trumpet OK when he meets Moses face to face any issues the Old Covenant All right the second time we see that God will blow a trumpet is actually pointed to in Zachariah and you can see it it's a time to come OK it will be sounded and the Messiah will reveal Himself God will blow that trumpet and again I most of us think about you know that brass instrument I truly believe just because of all the symbolism in scripture that it's going to be one of those that doesn't matter very much other than the picture that's in my mind but God will blow a trumpet and announce to people the last trumpet write that that God is coming Paul says in First Corinthians Chapter fifteen verses fifty one through fifty two you can turn there real quick or you can write it down first Corinthians fifteen fifty one three fifty two Behold I tell you a mystery we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed. In a moment in the twinkling of an eye at the Last Trumpet for the Trump will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed for the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of an angel on the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ will rise first then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and thus we shall always. Be with the Lord states coming. It's a good day if you're a follower of the Jesus few chosen Jesus this is a day that will be a good day. Seeing Jesus what a moment right how many songs have been written about this moment if you think back over your time I mean you talk about all of these different things and all of these different songs all of the different times that have been spent we see all of this stuff happening over and over again that point toward this day and what an amazing day it will be to see Jesus in the sky and be caught up with him and changed but we need the fourth feast. Because we need to make sure. That we are telling people often. About who Jesus is. And what he wants to do in their lives it is so important. Because this day will come if you believe that the Bible is true this is part of it we don't get to just pick and choose pieces if you believe that the Bible is true and we believe that this day is coming I talked about this last week I'm not going to sit here and be arrogant and try and predict a day unlike you know try and try and be one of those people that sells a book you know for millions of dollars based on a day you know and people still buy I'm all the time I don't I don't understand but. I don't believe in that stuff but I do personally believe that that Jesus is going to come in the fall I just I believe it's going to happen because again if the first three feast happened on specific days I believe that this is coming this in no way is like oh I don't have to worry about the fall and that's not I'm trying to say this tell you what I personally believe all right. But Jesus is coming back. And it is so important unlike the Jews needing two days no one is going to miss this one there's not that if it's cloudy everybody is still going to

know. Right if it's storming Everybody's still going to know. Right if you want to talk about it let's let's just let's talk about how many Christians are on this earth. When they do the stats. Anyone got a rough idea. One point seven billion people. Around the Earth have proclaimed Jesus as their Savior. You think people are going to notice when one point seven people one point seven billion people aren't there anymore. Even Let's just take like the Trump sound in Jesus in the sky let's just take all of that out of the equation and just say there's one point seven billion people who wouldn't be here tomorrow do you think people would notice. I think your employer might notice I hope so I was joking you know hopefully for people that there aren't too many Christian pilots you know that's that's scary I don't really hope that I'm just saying there was an ancient rabbi his name was. He said repent one day before your death. And most people reacted how Couple of you were reacting right now like shock disbelief or you chuckle because you're uncomfortable and his disciples asked him how does one know what day he will die and the Rabbi replied All the more reason to repent today the fact of the matter is we don't know when we're going to die. The fact of the matter is we have no idea if Jesus is returning today even though I think it's in the fall this may come a shocking you but I've been wrong before. Right a man my wife. Good one day and we need to be ready personally we need the fourth feast so we can make sure as many people are ready as possible. Because this day is coming. And for a lot of the world it will be a dark day. For us it will be a day of joy but I believe there's also going to be that concern. I said I have family members who do not know Jesus. They know better there's a counter notification going off on my phone they do not know Jesus. And it's going to be a big deal those are that's a dark day she's coming. We don't I want to scare people not about scaring people I shared last week a little bit. I got scared a lot as a kid at church that was the way that when I was growing up in the kind of church that I went to scare tactics were all the rage like well if we can't talk to him about Jesus and love him we're going to scare him right out of hell has that ever worked for anything like this fear ever last is that ever the emotion that's going to carry you through a difficult day I'm not about scaring people I told the story last week I watched this movie thief in the night and I'm not saying that the movie is all bad but when you're when you're like seven that is a scary movie right I mean some of you pastors kids or people who grew up around my time or like he saw that movie gave me nightmares I came home right and no one was home that is that was not normal in the house that I grew up in that no one would be there because there was a lot of people in my family and no one was there so I ran to the I mean I just watched this movie like The weekend before I run to the garage and the cars are still in there. I mean you seem to in the night. If you get left behind what is the only way to go to Jesus then get your head chopped off right that's that's the only I am running around the house in the backyard being because I am convinced that I miss the Rapture and that now I'm going have to get my head chopped off if I want to go to heaven Bob's like hallelujah OK no. I'm. Correct that's true that was the whole story from the movie. How to even know where to go from there. Listen this is not about fear like I said in our darkest day fear doesn't work fear didn't keep me from making terrible decisions as a teenager fear didn't keep me from making terrible decisions as a young man fear doesn't really keep me from making bad decisions now. It just doesn't work when when when the rubber hits the road and when life comes fear isn't enough. What does make me want to make good decisions is choosing a God who chose me. What makes me want to to live my life for Jesus isn't fear of him but it's love and are. Of a God who is worthy of love and I am by no means perfect I am the furthest thing from it but fear has never kept me out of a bad decision Grace has love has. Truth has so when I talk about this today my goal isn't to scare you. I'm not trying to scare anybody and be like you might die in the snow on the way home are you ready as true as that statement could be. That's a terrible reason to make a decision what I want you to be aware of is there is a God who loves you. Loves You. And he loved you enough. To give up. All of Heaven. And come to this earth a form of man and fulfill those first three fees he lived in he taught Yes he was a great teacher he showed grace and compassion to people who no one else was and his payment for that was a cruel death on a cross in fulfillment of a first feast. There was some hope in the second feast that he would stay dead. And there was amazing joy. In the Feast of Unleavened Bread when God form of Jesus conquered sin and death. And rose again and then he

sent the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost because there is a church made of Jews and Gentiles just like the two loaves they are full of yeast still there is no such thing as a perfect church. It is full of sin but He sent His Holy Spirit to give us power. To share the love of Jesus with everyone. Because this day is coming he loved you enough to give you everything you need. To make sure that you've made the right decision before that day. He loved you enough to foreshadow it in a feast two thousand years before he came and I want you to hear me today if you're in this place and you haven't chosen Jesus what are you waiting for if you're in this place and you're just kind of coasting like I'm doing enough I believe in the grace of Jesus I believe that he loves you and he cares about you I do not believe salvation is easily lost the way it was taught me as a child but I don't believe that's enough for your family and your friends. I don't believe you coast in through life knowing Jesus is enough. For your family and friends we all know people who say one thing and then just kind of disregard it completely as they do another. That everybody ever convinced anybody of anything. Other than that you're not trustworthy we need Jesus to change our heart. We need to hold on to Jesus we need to be in love with Jesus we need to be filled with Jesus and the Holy Spirit because there are people out there who have not chosen Jesus yet and it's our job to engage them. The dark day is coming and I don't want anybody to have to face it. Without knowing who Jesus is that's what the Feast of Trumpets is all about when I talk about the next one. Next week we're going to continue on this path and it's important. We're going to ask our questions here the way we do at the end of every service if you're in here and you've never chosen Jesus we want to give you a chance. And out of fear. Because he loved you if you're in here and you know. You know beyond a shadow of a doubt. That you've been coasting right and it might be life can be difficult sometimes it can get busy it can be difficult day in and day out to show Jesus with the people around us. Honestly it's one of the things I like about a missions trip right we take people in hopefully over the course of ten twelve days you can get people used to sharing their faith and maybe they'll bring it back it's easier to share Jesus with a stranger than with your best friend all right but you know some of you in here you know your faith journey for whatever reason has kind of been coasting and you haven't been doing all you can do. To lead people to Jesus I want to pray with you if you don't know what to do and how to do those kind of things I'd love to have a conversation with you. Make things so complicated sometimes they just aren't And I'd love to have a conversation with you about that but I miss castle to question them ask you to put your head down. And ask you close your eyes we're going to ask this first question is there anybody in here you've never chosen Jesus before this is this is new to you you you've you know you maybe been around church maybe you know her grandma talk about things whatever but you've never chosen personally to make your faith real you never made a personal decision to be needed Jesus asked him to be your king and ask for hers forgiveness. And this morning you're ready. Spurning you know it's time. For anybody out there that's you you've never chosen Jesus but this morning you're ready I'd like you to raise your hand and I want to pray with you all right. I said we're not going to try and motivate out of guilt or fear here that's not what I'm about but you can go and take a look at me because the next part and I ask for a little bit of accountability it's going to be a tougher maybe you're in this place and you've chosen Jesus and I'm not saying you're in sin Don't Don't mistake what I'm saying I'm not saying you're you've chosen all these wrong things in your life is headed down a toilet in that that's that's not what I'm saying. But you know that today if you're flat honest with yourself. You've been coasting. You haven't really been living for Jesus you might be living with him. B. You haven't really been living for him. You haven't been active in your faith and sharing it with other people and doing those things just kind of in neutral I'm not saying like I said this is not me saying you're out doing whatever live in a central lifestyle that's not what we're talking about this morning we're just saying. You're not really actively. Living for Jesus you go to heaven. You know you still believe in him you still forgiven you still pray sometimes. You haven't really chosen to be active day in and day out right now and all this can be tough. Maybe no one else stand that's fine I don't do this kind of stuff for numbers. I just believe Jesus called us the more if you're in here and you'd say you'd be honest and say you know what I love Jesus I've chosen him. But I haven't really been super active lately and I need to be doing more

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because people around me need more of Jesus. And I asked stand up with every head up with every eye open from our church we just want to pray with you and you know just another minute thank you for your honesty those of you who are standing you know this can be tough stuff. Very body else is for I want to do. For someone Sam beside you I want you to put a hand on the shoulder right you don't need to get up and move all the way across the sanctuary this morning but if someone is next you know I just want to put I want you to put a hand on the shoulder and I want to pray I want you to pray for each other right this is not time to like. Cram Jesus down people's throats that they know that's why they're standing. OK I thank you for your honesty those of you who stood I know. Those are tough moments. There's something about being honest there's something about. Being accountable for a church family. These moments are part of why we exist. God you're good I thank you for what you've done thank you for who you are I thank you Jesus that you are of life. I thank you that you chose us God that you chose to do what was required that we could come to know you and now you're asking us to live with that same kind of passion and forever. So that others might hear about you so that others can know about you so that on the darkest day the world knows. People still will choose not to believe but it will have been a choice that Phillis with passion. Fill us with love. Fill us with your spirit. Help us to live our lives in a way that points people to you because it is so important to God your kit. And we love you. Your name I pray. Amen amen.