Transcript – Elder Jose – Sermonette Sukkot 2026

Thank you, Elder Don. It is a blessing. It is a great blessing for me to stay right here in front of you, sisters, brothers. Receive many blessing from brothers and sisters in Nicaragua. Even elder Adrian is sending much blessing, hugs and love.

So, it has been a great time, this feast, even though we are in the Last Great Day, almost in the Last Great Day, but still, we still have so much things to go. So we need to be joyful, we need to be praising, we need give thanks for all the thing that we are having today and during the week.

Today, I would like to share this short, but very sharp sermonette. This is something that I normally share with our brothers back in Nicaragua every time that we start the feast, because every feast is different, but every feast is something that we need to think about. For us as parents, to see the joy in our sons and daughters, see how they are enjoying the time, seeing how they are laughing, how they are greeting each other, this is such a great reward, right?

YAHWEH feels the same. We are in YAHWEH's time; we are in YAHWEH's feast. He wants us to be joy. He wants us to be having good relationship, good conversation, praising Him all the time. But this is something that we need to strive, we need to look for. It's not something that comes up easily. It's something that we need to face every day, because we are going through a different situation, all of us.

Back in our country, sometimes things that may happen here, we are going through different situation. But still, we need to focus on the main goal of the feast. The first one is praise YAHWEH, and also to have a joy in all the things we are doing. So if we, if we put a title for my sermonette is: **"*Rejoice at the Feast*"**.

As a parent, we always like to bring everything together for us to have our children safe, healthy and also good opinion. If we go to Philippians chapter 4, we can see that even YAHWEH is doing everything for us to have all the things that we need. And, and there is a reason why He is working that way. Philippians chapter 4 verse 19.

Philippians 4:19 *And my Elohim will fill your every need according to His riches in glory in Messiah Yahshua*.

What the Bible says is, He will fill every need. I believe that. It doesn't matter if one day I'm lacking of something, that's His will. But still, He's working in my life. He is filling my life with the things He knows I need to work on. But also, when we are reading this, we see that YAHWEH is providing us a safety place, right? We are in a safety place. Even though we are surrounding of different being, people and things, but still we are in a safety place. As far you are under YAHWEH's wing, you're good. Nothing will come to harm you. But we have to believe it. We need to believe it.

YAHWEH is providing us a full life. I'm pretty sure that most of us, before the feast, we are receiving so many blessing and miracles. We have heard some of those last week. So I'm pretty sure that YAHWEH is working in our lives to provide us all the ways for us to come here and stay happy.

Then, healing. This is a good time to receive healing. I remember when we were celebrating feast back in the Promised Land we always were having prayers looking for healing. But here is the same. It doesn't matter what land you are, but we are worshiping the same Elohim, YAHWEH is our Father. He is paying attention what we are asking for and what we need. So it's a good time for us even to have, a good prayer, for us to look for healing and also praying for others to be healed. So but YAHWEH is providing everything we need. So every year, He also gives His children a safe place and a good place to celebrate the feast.

Also, He puts His name in different places around the world. I have my family back in Nicaragua, they are celebrating the feast. They are very joyful. They are sending pictures. They say, "We have the sukkah built. Hey, we are here just waiting for the messages." So they are happy. In every place, every country that is being representing here, I'm pretty sure there is a good family, there is a good feast. So YAHWEH has His people in the places where His name can be praised.

But also, and this is the main thing, the feast is not only for you to come and show up. It's for you to follow a commandment. There is a commandment for the feast. I'm pretty sure that we have read this Bible scripture before, but let's read it once again. Deuteronomy chapter 16. Deuteronomy chapter 16 verse 14 says:

Deuteronomy 16:14 *And **you shall rejoice in your feast**, you and your son, and your daughter, and your male slave, and your slave-girl, and the Levite, and the alien, and the fatherless, and the widow that are inside your gates*.

What's the commandment? You shall rejoice. It is the same, you shall not covet, you shall not steal, you shall not this. So we have a commandment to fulfil in the feast. **You shall rejoice**. Elohim is not looking for a forced joy. You can even see it in people's face when they are forcing something. But when you are indeed joyful, you will even see it in their faces. I'm struggling sometime because I have a straight face. But, believe me and trust, I am laughing inside always. Elohim doesn't want forced joy.

He made His feast to be full of happiness. And when we understand what the word rejoice mean, it will help us to have a better environment, a better feast. But let's go over very quick about the word rejoice. Rejoice means joy again, and more. Joy again, so that means that you need to be joyful prior to feast. So basically you are showing what you have, what you have received in previous days before the feast. That's mean that throughout all the year you are receiving things that makes it possible for you to be rejoicing in the feast.

If you, throughout the year, you are complaining, if you are in fights, if you are in anger, if you are upset, what are you going to bring to the feast? You will bring the same way you are living before the feast. And I'm pretty sure YAHWEH's filling up of everything. We are already rich. **Philippians 4:19**, He's providing everything we need for us to be happy in the feast.

But think about that. If our behaviour before the feast is anger, fighting, complaining, gossiping, and whatever other, so we are going to bring the same things to the feast. Right? YAHWEH says it many times, not just in **Deuteronomy 16**. He said in Leviticus 23:40. Talking about the feast. Leviticus 23:40.

Leviticus 23:40 *And you shall take to yourselves on the first day the fruit of majestic trees, palm branches, and boughs of thick oak trees, and willows of the valley, and **shall rejoice before YAHWEH** your Elohim seven days*.

We got it right there, rejoice. If we go to Deuteronomy 14:26.

Deuteronomy 14:26 *And you shall pay the silver for whatever your soul rightly desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for fermented drink, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before YAHWEH your Elohim, and **you shall rejoice**, you and your household*.

It's basically we have everything right there. We have the command. Not only one time, three times. So it's better for us to abide, rejoice in the feast. Rejoice also means *renew and review*. We've been going through difficulties during the year. Yes, it's time for us to renew our joy. And as a Shabbat, Shabbat is for us to renew our strength in YAHWEH, is for us to believe more, it is for us to review.

So the same word, rejoice, means renew and review. And, let me read this. To do something again, so that's also meaning for rejoice. To do something again. We must have been done it before, so we should have joy all the year, and at the feast we showed it even more. And Philippians 4:4, we will see something very interesting right there. Philippians 4:4. It says, “Rejoice in YAHWEH when you have everything. Rejoice in YAHWEH when you are not lacking in anything." I'm pretty sure the Bible doesn't say that, right? What the Bible says is,

Philippians 4:4 ***Rejoice** in YAHWEH always.*

It doesn't matter what happened in the place you are. *Rejoice in YAHWEH always*. It doesn't matter if you are lacking in something, it doesn't matter if you are not working. If you are in debt, YAHWEH is taking care of everything. As we all normally say in Nicaragua, "You are in the right spot that YAHWEH wants you to be." As simple like that.

So rejoice. You won't fix anything by being worried all the day. You won't fix anything by being angry all the days. But we need to rejoice. Once we rejoice in whatever situation we are, we'll feel things going to get better in YAHWEH's timing. So YAHWEH is making everything for us to have a plentiful life. Rejoice every morning. And also in 1st Thessalonians, in 1st Thessalonians chapter 5:16, we get it even better.

1st Thessalonians 5:16 ***Rejoice always.***

As simple like that. *Rejoice always.* And Apostle Paul was one of the disciples who went through the most difficult situations. And he, in the eight different letters, he placed twenty-six time the word rejoice. You say, "Wow, twenty-six time in eight letters having the same word, rejoice?" Even though he went through the most horrible thing you ... we may think? That's incredible.

So by this, so rejoice at the feast is not only in ourself. When we read **Deuteronomy 16**, we read it right there. We have to rejoice with all the brothers and sisters, with the male slave, with the slave girl, with our brother, sister, son, daughter, the Levite with all, with the one who are in our surrounding.

So the Hebrew word for rejoice is *'samach'*. That also means *to be glad and make others glad*. This is a good question that may come up. Is my attitude behind to make others feel the joy? It is my action as good as possible to make other people enjoy the time we are having here, or am I complaining? If you are complaining of something, basically you are transferring that bad spirit to others. So be careful in that and think about it.

So rejoice at the feast is not only for myself. I have the command also to make others feel glad, be full. So we are not only to enjoy the feast ourself but we must help others to enjoy it too. 'Samach' also means *a joyful and cheerful time, environment, and place*. As we have already read it, **Deuteronomy 16:14,** *"Rejoice with your son, your daughter, your servant, the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow."*

We are responsible for our own family's joy and our brothers' and sisters' joy. And we have to think about this also. We need to think, how can we all have the best feast ever? When you start thinking about this is when you start putting some things in a list that you need to change or maybe you need to avoid during the feast. That's why we don't need just to come and show up. We need to also meditate on everything that we are receiving every day.

Give, don't just get. That's another meaning including into the 'Samach' Hebrew word. Give, don't just get. As Elder Don always says, "Give everything you have; take what you need." We are not saying that we will not end up with empty pockets, but we can share everything we have ... YAHWEH provides for us. So as much you are sharing with others, you will see you will be more ... have more than you have it in your life. Apostle Paul in Philippians chapter 2 verse 4:

Philippians 2:4 *let no one be mindful only of his own things, but let each one also be mindful of the things of his neighbor*.

So, yes, we care for our own needs, but we also care for others, our brothers' and sisters' needs. And you don't wait for somebody come to you and say, "I need this." Go and ask. Go and have conversation to see what other people's needs are. YAHWEH has blessed us a lot. We can read it in Deuteronomy 16:15. I know that I'm going back and forth in the book of Deuteronomy, but that's when we are having all the commandments and also the commands of being rejoiced. So Deuteronomy 16:15 is the proof that YAHWEH has provided everything for us to have a good feast. Deuteronomy 16:15 -

Deuteronomy 16:15 *You shall keep a solemn feast seven days to YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which YAHWEH shall choose (Jerusalem); for YAHWEH your Elohim shall bless you in all your produce, and in every work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful*.

That's it. That's the proof that YAHWEH is blessing us before the feast for us to have the most wonderful time in the place that we are called to celebrate the feast. So He gathers us in a beautiful place. He fixes us spiritually throughout the ministry. He let us meet brethren from all over the world. He makes us easy ... He makes the things easier for us to rejoice.

So I have some bullet point that we can use for us to be mindful in that attitude of being joyful.

- Meet everyone. Hopefully, up to this time, I hope every one of us already have our own names, or we have the name of the other brothers and sisters. Yeah, sometimes it may be difficult because of the languages, but still we can go. In YAHWEH's life, in YAHWEH's people, there are no barriers. We need to go and try. Meet everyone.

- Sit in different places. Even though it's in the place we are having dinner or when we are just having conversation right here, let's go and sit in different places, take different conversation.

- Leave time to talk before the services. Don't, wait for the service just to start a conversation, but let's talk even before and after the services.

- Take part of the services. Not only by listening to the sermons, but also being part of the services. Like we have the brothers from Thailand, they are being part of the service by playing such wonderful music for us to worship YAHWEH. We are being part of the service when we are putting things together, putting the seats for us to have a good environment.

- Join the feast activities.

- Share your history. I'm pretty sure most of us want to know how we came to the truth. That is a good time for us to share our testimony. Sometimes people need to know from where we're coming from, and that may strengthen their life.

- Do small things. Smile and we will be good.

Remember, the feast shows the kingdom. We are tasting the kingdom. We are having just a small taste of the kingdom, but it's up to us how we want to live it. The feast is a practice for the kingdom and when Yahshua and the resurrected saint will rule there, we are going to teach the world. If we are having a bad attitude, how we can be a good example?

But once we are in the kingdom, we are going to be the examples for other people to follow. We are going to tell them, "Hey, come. This is the way. Let's go and praise YAHWEH." But we have to have a good attitude. Not complaining, not with anger, not in fight, not in murmuring, in a good attitude. Our behaviour now should look like the life for the one who are in our surrounding.

Remember, we're going to help rule cities, so that we need to have a nice and a good character. We are being trained not just for speaking, not just for looks as religious people, but for us to be princes and priests. We're in training, so we need to think about this.

We can also ask this question to ourself to find out if we are lacking in some things. Is my behaviour at the feast the kind I want to see from the people that I will rule? Sometimes we can hear good answer by asking the good question. If I'm having a bad attitude in the feast, would I like to see the same attitude in the people that I will rule in the kingdom? Of course not! That's why that needs to make us think on changing, on the things that we are not doing right.

And rejoice all year. Once again, rejoice at the feast is not something that you are just forcing; it's something that you are living because you have experienced before coming to the feast. I will read this: A parent wants happy children all year, not just one, not just one week. YAHWEH is the same. I'm pretty sure as a parent we don't want our children to be happy just when we are giving them something. We want them to be happy no matter what, just having the mindset that YAHWEH is taking care of us.

We are revering, rejoice always, no matter what. That's the command that YAHWEH ... And that's part of our faith. We have to have enough faith to think, "YAHWEH is taking care of me." Even though if you are sick, "YAHWEH is taking care of me. I'm going through the things that YAHWEH thinks is good for me." And remember, to be joyful is one of the fruits of the Spirit. We need to ask YAHWEH to give us more of His Spirit to experience more joy in our life.

And, rejoice again and rejoice more.
Help others rejoice by showing by your joy.
Give, don't just get.
Practice the kingdom in the way you treat people.
Ask Elohim, YAHWEH, to give more of His Spirit to keep your joy alive all the year.
Then we can rejoice now, more, and forever.

So hopefully, this short sermonette helps you and help us to change our mindset, and we will see next year, if not here, in Jerusalem or in the kingdom. Thank you. Thank you elder Don for giving us such a good time.

YAHWEH bless.