

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 36

The fact that there will be animal sacrifices under the reign of Christ is attested to by the prophets, as the following examples show -

- “From the rising of the sun, even to its going down, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts: - Malachi 1:11.
- “...all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory” - Isaiah 60:6-7.
- “The Lord will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the Lord and perform it” - Isaiah 19:21.
- “Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them” - Zechariah 14:21.

The human mind, when deprived of external and physical stimuli, will soon lose track of reality. This being the case, the peoples under the government of Jesus Christ will be given the greatest opportunity of appreciating that leadership, when it is accompanied by active participation in events which promote godliness.

Mankind will still need to live through a similar if reduced necessity of daily labor. A day of rest every week will alleviate the destructive effects of routine working. Especially when accompanied by sessions of spiritual education.

Workers in the more prosperous places now look forward to some vacation time once per year, using that time for anything from simply resting to participating in risky activities. But under Christ's government, if it follow the conditions under the law of God as it was through Moses, there will be multiple occasions in the year to stimulate spiritual growth.

One of these annual occasions we hear of in Zechariah 14:16, “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles”.

Knowing what human nature is like, it would be a surprise if there were not some recalcitrant people who will refuse to participate. They will need reminding that this is God's earth, which He made, and all the life on it, including man. There will need to be some coercion, but it will not be done through armed violence or torture.

Those who so rebel will rather be given the opportunity to experience what life might be like where God is not providing the environment for man's upkeep and comfort - something as simple as good weather -

- “It shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain” - Zechariah 14:17.

In this way Jesus will eradicate national pride and promote appreciation for God and His ways.