

Shavuot starts tomorrow night at sundown and is a special appointment that YHWH wants to have with us



1When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4

Coming Together on Shavuot

Shavuot/Pentecost is the only festival on the sacred calendar that is shared by both Jews and Christians. I think it is telling that for our celebration we will once again join with another Messianic congregation and two other evangelical congregations to share in our celebration of this time. We did this last year, and it was one of the most enjoyable Shavuots I remember ever taking part in. What I especially appreciated was the easy camaraderie and unity that was a hallmark of our time together. I am looking forward to the time together again this year as we meet together with other Believers from different streams of the Body of Christ on one of Yah's appointed times.

As I was studying a bit on Psalm 34 this week I came across a really good quotation by Mike Bickle that talked about the importance of gathering together

as Believers and it being all the more important when we're not in a good place.

"Here he (David) is alone. So sad, disappointed, fearful, **and** alone—that is trouble—if you are sad and disappointed, and fear is getting an upper hand, **get with Believers**. Whatever you do, do not retreat. The enemy want you to retreat: to retreat in shame, to retreat in melancholy. No, run the other way. Run to the Body of Christ. Be with people who are loving Jesus. I don't mean just to do a lot of socializing, although socializing has its place in the kingdom that is really good. I mean to get with godly people who are going to inspire you in the Lord, and do not retreat."

I remember many years ago now when I felt like I was living out a bad country music song: I had lost my job, my calling, my girl, my car, and my self-dignity. It was then that I felt the least desirous to gather with other "hypocritical" Believers. It was all I could do to just show up, but as I continued to gather together with other Believers, it was one of the main things that saved me in that season. I didn't come with the best of attitudes or demeanors, but I stayed the course. Especially if you feel like you're losing your way, then perhaps Yah is speaking to you about returning to regular and meaningful relationship with other Believers.

This weekend for Sabbath and Sunday for Shavuot we will have two opportunities to gather together. I believe Yah wants to do something unique and special for His people as we draw together this weekend.