

# THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;  
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,  
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God  
IN CHRIST JESUS.**  
(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)*

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## **Update – Saints Go Marching In**

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In issue #04-1053, May 18, 2010, *When the Saints Go Marching In*, I reported on an interesting experience I had with the Lord at precisely 1:53 am on April 30, 2010. I was serenaded by a trumpet playing the old gospel song *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

**(10) Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” (11) Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three [153]; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.** (John 21:10-11 NASB)

After He was resurrected but before His final ascension back to His Father, Jesus led His disciples to a tremendous catch of fish. There is a reason that the Holy Spirit recorded the exact number of 153 fish. It refers to the sons of God to be resurrected and transfigured just as Jesus has been. The number 153 represents the sons of the resurrection, the sons of glory, the ones to rise from the dead in the first or out-resurrection (Luke 20:34-36; Hebrews 2:10).

We know this because the gematria for “sons of God” is 153. Thus, the 153 fish in the net signify the conquerors who will be the first to experience the transfiguration (immortality and glorification) of Tabernacles when from their innermost being will flow rivers of living water (John 7:37-38), which signifies they have come into the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19), full of His spirit or, as Paul wrote, when they will receive the adoption as sons, the redemption of our body (Romans 8:23), which is the spiritual body that bears the image of the Celestial One (1 Corinthians 15:42-49).

For more on the number 153, please see issue #02-08153, December 30, 2008, *The Number of the Sons of God – 153*.

Can you think of anything more glorious than being free from our bodies of death and corruption, being conformed into the image of our beloved Lord and Savior, the one who is the Lover of our life?

For the details of this trumpet serenade, as I like to call it, please see the issue referenced above.

Before proceeding, according to the Hebrew calendar, the fall feasts for 2010 occur as follows:

September 9	Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)
September 18	Day of Atonement
September 23-29	Feast of Tabernacles (days 1 through 7)
September 30	Great Day of the Feast, the Last Day (eighth day)

Keep in mind that the feasts begin the evening before the date shown. For example, Trumpets begins the evening of September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Now, in this issue, I want to share something that just came to light that I did not previously report.

A few days ago, I felt led to count the days from **April 30<sup>th</sup>**, when I first heard the trumpet, to the end of the eight days of the feast of Tabernacles on **September 29-30, 2010**.

Much to my surprise, from April 30<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, which is the end of Tabernacles and the last and great day or the eighth day, there are 153 days (excluding the 30<sup>th</sup>). From April 30<sup>th</sup> to September

29<sup>th</sup>, which is the seventh day of the feast, there are 153 days (including the 29<sup>th</sup>). Either way, there are 153 days from when I heard the saints go marching in to the end of Tabernacles when the saints, in some year, will literally enter in and take possession of the kingdom of our Lord.

Is this the year for the saints to literally possess the kingdom, or is this simply verification from the Lord that the saints will possess the kingdom through the experience of Tabernacles in some unspecified year? Whether or not God is following this same calendar in the fulfillment of His fall feasts and the manifestation of the sons of God remains to be seen, but the prospects are intriguing, if not exciting.

Frankly, I have had more than one indication that 2010 is a vital year for the conquerors. This is the second witness I have been given to indicate that this is an important year.

Previously, in article #18, February 2009, *When the Day Comes [2010]*, I reported on a dream I had seven years ago on June 26, 2003 that was about the coming of the Lord. This is what I reported.

I was singing the song “**Silent Night**,” which is about the Lord’s birth. The words that struck me and that I kept repeating were “**holy night, all is calm.**” While I slept, I sensed **the second coming of our Lord** and that it was going to be a calm night.

Then I saw a paper like an affidavit slowly move across my vision as if on a movie screen. I saw the date “**September 8**” scroll across the screen. There was no year attached to it. Then I saw the word “**Wednesday**” scroll across the screen.

I had the impression that on **Wednesday, September 8** of some year, the Lord will reveal Himself to His people. It would be at night and it would be calm. Of course, night could signify spiritual darkness and calm could signify that the world is comfortable with this darkness. But I did not know the year.

In the second part of the dream, I saw myself with a group of people, including two brothers in Christ that I know. As we prayed, in a vision, I saw the Lord coming and I told the others. Then we looked behind us and there were people prostrate on the floor. I was given the impression that they were not saved and were drawn to where we were. These people were in the shadows of this place, and we were to lead them to the Lord and disciple them. They were drawn out of darkness by the spirit of God and wanted to hear.

Although no year was given, there is only one year in our lifetime when September 8<sup>th</sup> occurs on a Wednesday at the start of the fall feasts; it is the year 2010, the only year all three line up together. This was quite a shock to me when I first saw this; however, I do not believe in coincidences for those who seek to follow the Lord and to know His will, so I believe these two signs are significant.

Again, keep in mind that the Hebrew feasts begin the evening before; thus, when the calendar shows Rosh Hashanah on September 9<sup>th</sup>, it actually begins on the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup>. For those who are called, chosen, and faithful to the end and who are alive and remain when the Lord comes, the feast of Tabernacles will be a glorious feast as they put off their earthly tent and put on their heavenly tent or dwelling from heaven in the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:1-4; Philippians 3:20-21) and join with the resurrected saints.

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I expect that in 54 days we will know whether we will see a literal fulfillment of the fall feasts, especially Tabernacles, which Paul called the Day of Christ, or some significant spiritual manifestation encouraging us on toward the Day and preparing us for the final days of our present age.

Oh Lord, may it be the literal fulfillment. We long to see You and to be like You!