

THE DARK SIDE OF THE YEAR-HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED

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I want to speak to you this evening for a moment about the season that we are experiencing right now. I'm teaching this right now in the month of November, getting close now to the month of December. I'm sure if you step outside of your home about 5 o'clock in the evening, it seems to be midnight in the middle of the day. We are in what we refer to as the *dark side of the year*.

In all of my life growing up in the church, we really did to pay attention to seasons or nature...we really didn't explore it as I've begun to do as of late. But there was a group of people throughout history, since time immemorial, that indeed notice nature. They're commonly referred to as pagans or druids or Wiccans, witches—whatever name you choose to give them. Naturists, earth-lovers. But they are very cognizant of the heavenly bodies. They're very cognizant of suns and moons, season. Actually they're most cognizant of creation more than the *Creator*.

These people for ages have based their religion and their faith on the elements... earth, wind and fire. They base their religion upon the changing of the yuletide season. And these people have always acknowledged the creation while ignoring and not giving honor to the Creator himself which is Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel.

Now, the reason why I want to talk to you about these folks is that I'd like for you to travel back in time with me for just a few moments. I'd like for you to leave the world that we live in today, the world of google and the world of video-casting and pod-casting, the world of satellites, the world of NASA, the world of electronic communication media. And I'd like for you to drift back with me to a time and a place of a people that did not know the things that we know now.

If we were to go back to ancient Egypt or ancient Babylon or ancient Samaria, we would find a people that began to form a religion in opposition to God himself. And it was a religion that focused upon *nature*. They began to notice patterns of the seasons. And every year they began to be students of the stars, studiers of the moon and the trajectory and the pattern of the sun. They followed it vehemently to the point of worship and adoration. The sun became their god. The moon became their mother. The stars became the dictators of the course of their life.

This developed into what we know as astrology. It developed into Wiccan religions, pagan religions. But the entire religion is literally focused upon these

seasonal adjustments. Well, they begin to notice that every twelve months every year, the sun, which in their mind was god—that the sun always beamed bright and the sun was always the chief god, the Zeus who was the Hercules of the heavens. The sun was the ruler of the gods. The sun became their Baal, their preeminent god.

And that god was always victorious over the night or the moon. The sun was always the champion—it blazed throughout the day keeping at bay the darkness. And shining upon the earth it's forever rays. And the people noticed all of these minute changes. And then around the month of October, they began to see something that alarmed them in their simple minds. You see, they didn't have satellite imagery to know what was going on. They didn't understand the constellations and the heavenly bodies scientifically. They understood them religiously.

But they did notice that on one certain night of the year that the sun began to die. They noticed that the moon, the darkness rather, began to overtake the light. And this night was what is called Samhain or All Hallow's Eve, or in the English tongue Halloween. It was the night when the darkness conquered the sun. Because it is on Halloween night when indeed the night is a few moments longer than the day. And every day after that, the darkness begins to *win* longer nights. Longer nights to where there is almost no daylight left.

It's the short days and the sun is dying. Do you see that these pagans begin to notice the death of the sun. They noticed that it was dying and dying and dying. And therefore on Halloween night...that's why it's called the Night of the Dead...it is when death begins to rule over the planet.

Now from that day forward, darkness is upon the land. Look outside of your homes right now if you're listening to this teaching during the winter season, and you will begin to notice the "dying sun".

It was on Halloween night that the sun god was "harmed" or killed, and the earth began to die because her god had died. But, every year, they also noticed that on one certain day of the year, the sun began to rule again. The strength came back to the sun, and the darkness yielded to the Sun God. Actually, they say it was the day every year that the sun was *reborn*. He was reborn every year and they began to celebrate this rebirth or this birth of the Sun God.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, you will not believe me if I tell you what day of the year that that sun god was born. Absolutely. You see, December the 25th is the day when the sun is reborn. It is the shortest day of the year. As a matter of fact,

on December the 25th is when 25 other gods claim their birthday because of their affinity with the sun.

Now I won't go on with what happens next but you should educate yourself. If you ever do, you might see why we refuse to celebrate December the 25th as the birth of Yahshua—that man that walked the Judean hills—no other man lived like him. He was born son of man by his flesh birth and son of God by his resurrection. He has no affinity with December the 25th. If you celebrate his birth on December the 25th, you have joined in with the pagans in celebrating the birth of the sun—the Sun god.

So when the Roman Catholic Church began to invade these pagan people, they could not get them to change their customs—so if you can't beat them, you join them—you adopt their Christmas trees, you adopt their wreaths. If you don't know that paganism is one of the most sexual religions on the planet. Everything about paganism is sexual in nature.

The Christmas tree is a sexual emblem. Yes, just do your research. The wreath on the front of the door is the opposite sexual symbol without me getting too graphic. And then every year the pagans would bring the tree past the wreath you see...it is an abomination to the Almighty Yahweh.

Do you know that he told us in his word to not learn the customs, the celebrations or the ways of the heathen? So the Catholic Church *christened* December the 25th as the birth of our Lord. And it's all lies! Every bit of it is lies. To celebrate that day is to celebrate a lie no matter what you think in your heart—no matter what you believe that day represents. We know what it represents and it does not represent the birth of our Lord.

How do we know this? Because we know exactly when our Lord was born. We know when Yahshua (many know him as Jesus) was born. He was born on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. And that is what we celebrate...the apostolic church of God. The church of the living Yahweh is a people that have made up their minds—we want nothing to do with those pagan ways. We've come out of that and dedicated our lives to walking in the ways of Yahweh.

Before I close, did you know that I, as one of those weird ones that follow these original ways of Israel, I can open this book that I hold in my hand—and did you know that I can point at a scripture in this book to prove every holiday, or holy day, that our family and our ministry celebrates? Did you know that? Did you know that if you ask me about the feast of atonement and why I celebrate it, I can turn to scripture and verse where Yahweh, the Almighty God, *commanded* us to celebrate that holy day forever? I can do that!

So I have a question for you now—can you do the same? Can you open your Bible right now and point to a command in the Bible of why you celebrate your holidays? Can you point anywhere and show me Mardi Gras? Can you point anywhere and show me Valentine’s Day? Can you point anywhere and show me Easter? Can you point anywhere and show me Christmas? Can you point anywhere and show me New Year’s Day?

No. I’ll answer it for you. Nowhere. All of your holidays are made of men, commanded of men that find their roots in the enemy religion of your God. But I can point to the verse to show you why I celebrate the holy days that my Christian friends mock me for. And yet every one of them find their origin in the word of God.

Where do your holidays find their origins? In the practices of witchcraft and paganism. I pray that this teaching has at least caused you to ponder. Go to our website fhtv.tv or go to YouTube’s search button and type in Shane Vaughn. We have over 200 video teachings on there where you can learn these valuable truths. We have a message here and it’s—come out of Babylon.