

Rosh Hashanah: Renewing the Spirit Through Food and Faith

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time of deep reflection, celebration and connection to faith. According to Rabbi Daniel Rowe, senior educator at Aish Jerusalem, the holiday is not only a period of judgment but also one of hope and renewal.

“It’s a time of very deep introspection and reflection, [a] time of really planning forward,” Rowe says in an interview with Fox News. He adds that Rosh Hashanah is a chance to recreate oneself and strive to be better in the year ahead.

A central part of the celebration is the symbolic foods eaten during the holiday, which carry rich spiritual meaning. “Everything we do on Rosh Hashanah, whether it’s the foods that we eat or the prayers that we utter, is about that deep cry inside us that says, ‘This world can be a better place,’” Rowe explains.

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Among the most iconic traditions is dipping an apple in honey, symbolizing the desire for a sweet and fruitful year. “The apple represents that which is nutritious and good for us,” Rowe says, “and we don’t just want things ‘good.’ We’d also like to be able to appreciate the good in all of them.”

The symbolism extends to a wide variety of foods, each with its own meaning, often tied to the hope for blessings and abundance in the coming year. Whether enjoying pomegranates, whose many seeds represent the fulfillment of good deeds, or round challah bread, symbolizing the cycle of life, each bite on Rosh Hashanah is consumed with mindfulness and purpose. “Every single item of food could be a blessing and could

manifest some kind of goodness,” Rowe says. He emphasizes that eating during Rosh Hashanah is an act of building oneself up to become a blessing to others in the year ahead.

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Rosh Hashanah’s focus on renewal, prayer and personal growth is especially poignant this year on the first anniversary of the jihadist terror attacks, while Israel continues to face a multi-front war during this sacred season. As families gather to celebrate, Rabbi Rowe’s words remind us of the power of prayer: “We can use each year to recreate ourselves and become better people.”

Let us take this time to reflect on the challenges faced by the people of Israel and offer a collective prayer for peace, protection and hope for the future.

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Luke Bryan Turns to Jesus in New Album: How Family Loss Shaped His Powerful Prayer

Country music superstar Luke Bryan is known for his chart-topping hits and energetic performances, but his latest album takes a heartfelt turn, offering a glimpse into his personal faith and the pain he’s endured over the years. In the final

track of “Mind of a Country Boy,” Bryan shares a deeply personal prayer in a song titled “Jesus ‘Bout My Kids,” where he pleads with Jesus to watch over his children as they navigate life’s challenges, “Now I talk to Jesus ‘bout my kids.”

The song is a reflection of Bryan’s role as a father to his two biological sons, Bo and Tate, as well as his adopted nieces and nephew, whom he and his wife, Caroline, took in after a series of family tragedies. The lyrics express his hopes, worries and ultimate reliance on his faith to protect them.

“There’s only so much you can do,” Bryan told reporters in Nashville. “You got to turn it over to Jesus...to look after them, because at the end of the day, that’s what you have to kind of plant your flag in—that God and Jesus are looking after them.”

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Bryan has been open about his faith, describing how he and Caroline work to ensure their children understand the true meaning of Christmas and the importance of faith. In a 2015 interview, he said, “We try to stress, every day, the importance of Jesus and Christianity and being a good person.”

Beyond his faith, Bryan’s family has endured a lifetime of loss within just a few years. His older brother, Chris, died in a car accident in 1996. In 2007, his sister Kelly passed away unexpectedly, and when her husband, Ben, died in 2014, Bryan and Caroline immediately took in their nephew and nieces. “We never thought twice about it,” Caroline told ABC News.

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These losses continue to shape Bryan's perspective on life and fatherhood. He has spoken candidly about the emotional toll of losing loved ones and the struggles his family has faced. "You never quite get over it," Bryan told Parade. But through it all, his faith remains his anchor.

With "Jesus 'Bout My Kids," Bryan offers more than just a song—he shares a prayer born out of both love and loss, echoing the personal battles that continue to drive his music and life.

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Pastor Troy Brewer Explores the Prophetic Meaning of Hebrew Year 5785

MorningStar Ministries founder Rick Joyner is addressing a growing conflict within his organization, focusing on the fallout with former leader Chris Reed. In a recent edition of "Rick's Rants," Joyner speaks openly about the deteriorating situation, admitting his own lack of discernment and acknowledging the serious issues facing the ministry.

Joyner recalls his initial trust in Reed, describing him as someone he thought would play a significant leadership role within MorningStar. However, over time, problems began to surface.

“I was shocked beyond anything by what happened to Chris Reed. I never saw that coming,” Joyner says. He expresses regret for not recognizing early warning signs, acknowledging that “others saw parts of it and were worried about it.”

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Joyner is candid about his own personal failures, admitting that he missed critical red flags in Reed’s leadership. “I have a real blind spot in some ways that I need others to cover for me,” he says, noting his need for greater discernment and the importance of leaning on the spiritual gifts of others. “I can’t cover everything. I think the Lord has distributed His gifts in His church to make us depend on each other and actually love each other.”

The issue with Reed is part of a broader set of challenges plaguing MorningStar, including continued “legal battles regarding the alleged sexual abuse cases of minors by a former volunteer at the church” as Charisma News has previously reported.

Joyner speaks of “wolves in sheep’s clothing” within the organization, explaining how some leaders have sown division and caused harm. “They think they’re special messengers of God, but it’s not the God I serve,” he says. He is adamant that individuals who fail to meet biblical standards will not be granted positions of authority. “They’re demanding positions of leadership in the church—that ain’t gonna happen now with me still alive.”



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Despite the turmoil, Joyner remains committed to the future of MorningStar and the broader Christian community. He believes

that this season of trial will lead to a renewal. "MorningStar has been through shakings, some really big ones like this," he says. "It always preceded a great move of God among us."

He calls for spiritual watchmen—Christians with strong gifts of discernment—to step up in this critical hour. "We need watchmen on the walls. We are in desperate need of spiritual watchmen who will discern these people for what they are," Joyner urges. He believes that the challenges facing MorningStar, and the church at large, can only be overcome with the help of those with "extraordinary gifts of discernment."

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As the situation continues to unfold, Joyner pleads for unity within the body of Christ. He encourages believers to "stay the course" and trust in God's ultimate victory, despite the ongoing battles.

In this time of crisis, Christians across the country are encouraged to lift up the hurting church in prayer. Pray for the restoration of unity, healing for abuse victims, discernment in leadership and for the church to follow biblical mandates set before them.

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America's Last Chance: 40 Days for Repentance and Renewal

In a pivotal moment for the United States, bestselling author Troy Anderson and Pastor Paul Begley join forces to launch the "40 Days to Save America" movement. Inspired by a vision of national repentance, they urge Americans to pray and fast in the weeks leading up to the November elections. The movement runs from Sept. 26 to Nov. 5, a period they believe can redefine the future of the nation.

Anderson shares the roots of this powerful initiative, stating, "This movement was inspired by my interview with Billy Graham in 2013, where he emphasized the importance of repentance." Anderson reflects on Graham's reference to the biblical story of Jonah and Nineveh, where the people's collective change of heart led to divine intervention. "Just as Nineveh repented and changed, we can do the same for America," he asserts, believing this moment can serve as a turning point for the United States.



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Begley, deeply moved by Anderson's vision, states, "We are at a critical moment in our nation's history. With natural disasters, economic turmoil and moral confusion, the need for clarity is greater than ever." He emphasizes that prayer is essential, reminding us of 2 Chronicles 7:14, where God calls His people to humble themselves, pray and seek His face. "We need to cry out to God, asking for forgiveness and healing,"

he urges, calling on thousands of followers to join in this sacred act of unity.

The third consequence Murillo cites is a massive shift toward socialism. He refers to 1 Samuel 8 again, saying Harris will “confiscate your wealth and give it to her friends,” claiming her policies will enrich elites while harming the middle class. “This is the finest concise description of socialism that has ever been written in the history of the world,” he adds.

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The fourth warning is the theft of productivity. Murillo argues that illegal immigration and unchecked social policies will drain American resources. “They’re absorbing community funds that are being taken from your children, being taken from your job and your prosperity,” he says.

Lastly, Murillo warns of spiritual decline. “Here’s the most chilling part,” he states. “You’re going to lose the voice of God,” warning that Harris will lead the country away from biblical values and into moral decay.

Murillo urges Christians to act, insisting, “Not voting is a vote for Kamala.” He stresses the importance of preventing what he sees is the inevitable destruction of American values under Harris’ ungodly leadership.

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JD Vance Urges Christians to Reclaim America

Lana Savchuk, wife of Pastor Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen, recently released a video speaking passionately about the five roles of a biblical wife. She confidently dives into Scripture to reveal what the Bible says about a wife's responsibilities. Savchuk shares the importance of following these roles in a world that encourages a different path for women than what the Scriptures teach.

A Partner, Not Subordinate

Savchuk explains that a biblical wife acts as a partner to her husband, highlighting their equality. Referring to Genesis 1:27-28, she stresses that God grants both men and women dominion over creation. This mutual responsibility, she says, means women stand beside their husbands.

"Women were created from the rib of a man to be beside him, not from his head to top him, not from his feet, to be trampled upon, but from under his side to be protected by him, near his heart to be loved by him," Savchuk shares.

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An Honorable Helper

Outlining the role of a helper, Savchuk draws from Genesis 2:20, exploring the Hebrew word "ezer," often used to describe God as a helper. She explains that this role carries great honor and importance, rather than inferiority. By assisting their husbands, wives follow a divine calling, echoing God's

own role as a helper to humanity.

“When the Lord created Eve from the rib of Adam, He created her as a helper,” Savchuk says.

A Crown, Not a Neck

Savchuk also discusses how a wife becomes the crown of her husband. She references Proverbs 12:4, urging women to honor and respect their husbands rather than criticize them. Criticism, she says, acts like a cancer in marriage, weakening the foundation. Instead, she encourages wives to uplift their husbands with honor, stating that this leads to positive changes in the relationship.

“Now in our culture people say that a wife is the neck, she turns the head,” reveals Savchuk. “That obviously is not Scriptural, it’s just cultural reference which is against the Word of God because it speaks of manipulation. We know that manipulation is not from God.”

Submission As Order, Not Worth

Savchuk tackles the idea of submission, which she recognizes as difficult for modern women to accept. Quoting Ephesians 5:22-24, she explains that submission has to do with order, not worth. Savchuk compares the family structure to military ranks, where submission is necessary for function but does not lessen a person’s value. Wives, she says, submit to their husbands just as husbands submit to Christ.

“Now a woman can have a very strong character which is absolutely fine, she can run a huge business and be a CEO of that business, she has employees that are men, and they submit to her,” Savchuk explains. “This is absolutely fine, but when it comes to the family order, when it comes to being a wife, in the family that powerful woman becomes more powerful if she obeys the Word of God and submits to her husband.”

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A Homemaker Who Builds

Savchuk addresses the wife's role as a homemaker. Citing Proverbs 14:1, she urges women to prioritize building their homes and nurturing their families. In a culture that often prioritizes career success, Savchuk encourages women to cherish their role in shaping the home, a responsibility she believes God designed specifically for wives.

In a society that frequently pushes women to reject biblical roles and embrace a more masculine lifestyle, Savchuk's message challenges these ideas. She encourages wives to embrace their biblical roles, finding fulfillment and strength in serving their families and husbands according to God's design.

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Red Heifer Ceremony: Could This Be the Year

In his teachings, Lundqvist often uses the metaphor of different light bulbs to illustrate the multitude of personalities in the body of Christ. Whether someone is an "oven light bulb" who shines under pressure or a "party light" bringing joy to those around them, he believes that every

Christian has a unique way to shine for Jesus. "Whoever you are, whatever personality you have, you can shine for Jesus and make a difference in your world," he says.

As he looks at the challenges facing the modern world, Lundqvist acknowledges the darkness and overwhelming problems that seem insurmountable. But he believes the key to fulfilling the Great Commission lies in mobilizing ordinary believers to recognize their role in God's plan. "We need an army of believers who will realize, 'I am the light of the world. God has sent me to make a difference in my world,'" Lundqvist declares.

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Pastor Lundqvist brings with him a message of hope for every Christian: each person has a unique gift from God and a specific path in life that serves Him. "We are all called to be light-bearers," he affirms, "no matter where we are or what our personality might be."

This truth is echoed in Scripture: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden," (Matt. 5:14). Every believer has the ability to impact their surroundings and shine their light for Jesus Christ.

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