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Pastor and Sis. McKinney, along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.

We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. If you have any questions feel free to contact our ushers and staff. Connect with CAC today and let CAC be your home church.

We hope to see you in future services!

## End Of The Year/Decade

*Deuteronomy 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.*

When Israel's deliverance from bondage in Egypt came, the Lord instructed Moses to observe the month of Abib. This was significant in that it was the month that the Lord brought them out of Egypt by

night! The word **observe** used in *Deu. 16:1* comes from the Hebrew word: שָׁמַר *šâmar* which means to **hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, preserve, regard, and reserve.** A word that meant Israel was never to forget the month that the Lord brought them out.

Israel's year had previously started with the month Tishri, but upon direction from the Lord, (*Exodus 12:1&2 "And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."*), now Abib was to be considered the first month of the year! Abib marked a new beginning of the year as well as a *new beginning* for the children of Israel.

The end of a year had come and a New Year had been declared. And just like America remembering New Year's Day, the children of Israel were to remember their New Year's Day—the month Abib.

As we are looking at the close of 2019, we are witnessing something historic, the end of the year as well as the end of a decade. Now when people talk about the '20s, they will have to specify if they are referring

to the 1920s or 2020s. Sounds strange doesn't it?

When an end of the year comes to a close, the new year brings new challenges. Such as, remembering to write 2020 on checks/forms/papers. But it will also bring new challenges to you as a child of God. Challenges to your faithfulness, holiness, morals, and dedication. And we must meet these challenges with faith, courage, and victory. We cannot allow a new year to cause us to take backward steps. We cannot allow a new year to turn us away from the Commandments and promises of God. We cannot allow a new year to cause us to conform to this world.

We may be facing the end of a year and decade, but we are not facing the end of the influence of the Bible and the relevance of Its teachings. The Word of God is forever settled in Heaven, regardless of the year or decade.

Let's continue to stand strong and shine as that city set on a hill so we can win people to Jesus in 2020.

