Exodus – The Revealing of God's Glory and His Design for the Chosen

#79 – The First Pilgrims and Their Feasts

Exodus 23:14-19

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"¹⁴ Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me."

Exodus 23:15a

"15 You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And none shall appear before Me empty-handed."

The two feasts were connected:

Passover

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Exodus 23:16a

"^{16a} Also you shall observe the Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors from what you sow in the field."

Leviticus 23:9-11

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Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 10 'Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, "When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. ¹¹ He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.""

Exodus 23:16b

"16b ...also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field."

Consequently, also called the

"Feast of Booths" and "Feast of Tabernacles."

Leviticus 23:41-43

"41 You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. ⁴² You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths, ⁴³ so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."

Forgetful people need reminders.

Correlation to the Gospel.

I Corinthians 5:7-8

"7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

I Corinthians 15:20

"20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep."

I Corinthians 15:22-23

"22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming."

Jesus was the first to be raised with all of us and others to follow.

Mark 13:24-30

"24 But in those days, after that tribulation, 'the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling' from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven. ²⁸ Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."

John 4:35b,36

"³⁵ ... Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."

Feast of Ingathering

Known by the time of the New Testament as "the Feast".

Hebrews 9:26b

"26b ... but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

Exodus 23:17-19

"17 Three times a year <u>all your males</u> shall appear before the Lord God. ¹⁸ You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; nor is the fat of My feast to remain overnight until morning. ¹⁹ You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord your God. You are not to boil a young goat in the milk of its mother."

Deuteronomy 16:11

"11 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite who is in your town, and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the Lord your God chooses to establish His name."

Men are reminded to be the spiritual leaders of their homes.

We must remove the yeast from our lives.

We do not offer these sacrifices today, but we do offer ourselves.

Jesus left it all on the altar.