

HEROES OF THE FAITH

MOSES: The Feasts of The LORD

Chapter 23

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➤ The LORD spoke to Moses regarding His appointed feasts. (vv. 1-2)

❖ The Sabbath (v. 3)

- ❑ God wanted all Jews to work six days a week.
 - General time of year: weekly
 - Specific time of year: seventh day {a day of worship & rest}
 - Modern equivalent: Saturday
 - Significance: creation
 - God created man to do physical work. And, to rest from it – descriptive & prescriptive.
 - Genesis 2:1-3: God's work in creation and His model for a day of rest.
 - Genesis 2:15: A day of rest following the principle of this verse.

❖ The Passover (vv. 4-8)

- ❑ God provided His feasts, and, when Israel was to observe them. (v. 4)
- ❑ General time of the year: Spring (v. 5)
- ❑ Specific time of the year: 14th day of the first month (Abib), at twilight.
- ❑ Modern equivalent: March/April (Easter)
- ❑ Significance: Salvation from Egypt
- ❑ Feast of Unleavened Bread: 15th day of first month (Abib) (v. 6)
 - Observance: Seven days eat unleavened bread.
 - Presented a food offering to the LORD for seven days. (v. 7)
 - 1st and 7th day no ordinary work was done. (vv. 7-8)

❖ The Feast of Firstfruits (vv. 9-14)

- ❑ General time of year: Spring
- ❑ Specific time of year: 16th day of first month (Abib)
- ❑ Modern equivalent: March/April (Easter)
- ❑ Significance: Dedication
- ❑ God commanded Moses. (vv. 10-14)
 - Israel was to bring the first fruits of the harvested crop to the priests. (v. 10)
 - Sunday: Priest waved the grain offering before the LORD. (v. 11)
 - Offered a perfect year-old male lamb as a burnt offering to the LORD. (v. 12)
 - A food offering to the LORD, along with a drink offering. (v. 13)
 - Jew ate neither bread, or grain, until this offering was complete. (v. 14)



❖ The Feast of Weeks/Feast of Booths/Feast of the Harvest/Pentecost (vv. 15-22)

- ☐ Observed 50-days after the wave offering was brought to the priest. (vv. 15-16)
 - General time of year: Spring
 - Specific time of year: 1st day of third month (Sivan)
 - Modern equivalent: Pentecost
 - Significance: Dedication
- ☐ Jews brought from their homes two loaves of leavened bread. (v. 17)
- ☐ Also presented seven one year-old lambs, without blemish. (v. 18)
- ☐ One bull from the herd. Two rams. All presented as a burnt offering.
- ☐ Accompanied with a grain and drink offering.
- ☐ Sacrificed one male goat for a sin offering. (v. 19)
- ☐ Two one year-old male lambs as a peace offering.
- ☐ The priest waved them before the LORD. (v. 20)
- ☐ No ordinary work was done on this day. A generational statute. (v. 21)
- ☐ Don't reap the harvest up to the field's edge. (v. 22)
- ☐ Leave a portion of the crop at the field's edge for the poor & sojourner in the land.

❖ The Feast of Trumpets (vv. 23-25)

- ☐ God spoke to Moses. (vv. 23-24)
 - General time of year: Fall
 - Specific time of year: 1st day of seventh month (Tishri)
 - Modern equivalent: September
 - Significance: Solemn assembly; spiritual preparation
- ☐ No ordinary work was done on this day. (v. 25)
- ☐ A food offering was given to God.

❖ The Day of Atonement (vv. 26-32)

- ☐ God spoke to Moses. (v. 26)
 - General time of year: Fall (v. 27)
 - Specific time of year: 10th day of seventh month (Tishri)
 - Modern equivalent: September/October
 - Significance: Redemption
- ☐ The Jews would present a food offering to the LORD. (v. 27)
- ☐ "...afflict...": Connected with fasting; self denial; humbling themselves before God.
- ☐ No work was done on this holy day – a day of reconciliation. (v. 28)
- ☐ Whoever did not choose to deny self was ostracized – cut off; banished. (v. 29)
- ☐ If anyone worked on this day, God would take his life. (v. 30)
- ☐ Not working on this day was a generational statute. (v. 31)
- ☐ 9th Day of month: evening to evening, one kept the Sabbath, rested, & fasted. (v. 32)



❖ The Feast of Booths (vv. 33-44)

☐ God spoke to Moses. (v. 33)

- General time of year: Fall
- Specific time of year: 15th-22nd of seventh month (Tishri) (v. 34)
- Modern equivalent: Pentecost
- Significance: Dedication

☐ On day 1, no work was to be done. (v. 35)

☐ For seven days, they presented a food offering to the LORD. (v. 36)

☐ On day eight, they presented a food offering to the LORD.

☐ No work was done on this day.

☐ These feasts are days of holy worship to God. (v. 37)

☐ On its proper day, food, burnt, grain, sacrifices, and drink offerings were presented to God.

☐ In addition to the LORD's Sabbaths, gifts, vow and freewill offerings. (v. 38)

☐ On the 15th day of Tishri (month 7), they gathered the land's produce. (v. 39)

☐ They celebrated the LORD's feast for seven days.

☐ The first and eighth days no work was done.

☐ On day one, they took... (v. 40)

- ...fruit of splendid trees.
 - ...palm tree branches.
 - ...boughs of leafy trees.
 - ...willows of the brook.
- Rejoiced before the LORD
for seven days.

☐ The Jews celebrated this feast to God for seven days in the year. (v. 41)

☐ A permanent, generational statute.

☐ All native Israelites dwelled in temporary booths for seven days. (v. 42)

☐ Each generation needed to know, and remember, God delivered Israel from Egypt. (v. 43)

☐ Moses declared to Israel the appointed feasts given to him by God. (v. 44)



Group Questions

- 1) Read Genesis 2:1-3. There are key principles which provide the foundation for this chapter. Use the Bible study method I have taught you to amplify the meaning in this text.
 - Observation: “What do you see?”
 - Interpretation: “What does it mean?”
 - Application: “How do I apply it to my life?”

- 2) Read Genesis 2:15-17, 1 Corinthians 10:31, & Deuteronomy 30:16. These texts provide a clear backdrop of understanding for what God is teaching Israel through the feasts. Again, use the Bible study method I have provided to guide you in harvesting the real meaning of this chapter.
 - Observation: “What do you see?”
 - Interpretation: “What does it mean?”
 - Application: “How do I apply it to my life?”

- 3) Describe one other thing God taught you from this text.

