

Holy Days and Holidays

Leviticus 23:4-21

Do you know God? He is Holy. We've seen what that means in this sermon series.

- He also instituted Holy *Days*. What were these days like? Pretty great, actually—see Deut 12:4-7.
- No wonder they 'evolved' into *holidays*!

A Sequence of Three, and how these point to Jesus:

- Old Testament (Leviticus 23:4-21):
 1. Passover (including Feast of Unleavened Bread)
 2. Firstfruits
 3. Festival of Weeks (Pentecost; grain harvest)
- New Testament
 1. Passover => Crucifixion of Jesus (Matt 26:2)
 2. Firstfruits => Resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor 15:20-24)
 3. Pentecost => Pentecost! (Acts 2)

For believers in Christ, what does the holy calendar look like?

- Since Christ fulfilled the OT calendar, it is now very *flexible* for us (Col 3:16-17, Gal 4:10)
- **But two items are marked of special importance, as belonging to the Lord Jesus:**
 - **The Lord's Day**
 - The day of His Resurrection (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2; Rev 1:10)
 - **The Lord's Supper**
 - "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)
- These two should be very important for the follower of Christ!

To the Lord's Supper

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. In addition to sacrifice, Holy Days were often days of joy and feasting, and this by God's clear design. Is this your understanding of who God is?
2. Consider The Lord's Day and The Lord's Supper:
 - a. Look at the Scriptures above associated with these days.
 - b. How do you honor The Lord's Day as holy? Are you committed to it in your schedule?
 - c. How do you honor The Lord's Supper as holy?