

***Intro:***

Main Point of Text: God's holy times are to be kept for holy gatherings that ensure a generational testimony.

Sermon Point: *Keep Christ's Weekly Holy Day and Feast.*

***Move 1: God marks His holy times for you to have holy time with Him as holy families.***

Purpose of these holy times: 1) to rest ("Sabbath"/"Sabbaths"/"Sabbath of rest"/no work, vss. 3, 7, 8, 15, 21, 25, 28, 30, 31, 35, 36, 38); 2) to have a "holy convocation", special gatherings for worship (vss. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 21, 24, 27, 35, 36, 37); 3) so all your dwellings/generations ongoing have a holy heritage as God's redeemed people (vss. 3, 14, 21, 24 (memorial), 31, 41, 43). These times of week/year confirmed they were the holy people of their Holy Lord.

***Move 2: God's weekly Sabbath is still His Holy Day for His family to have holy worship rest.***

Vs. 3: regular foundation of time is the weekly Sabbath (not ceremonial, WCF 19:3) and so ongoing. Sabbath Day attached to creation: Ex. 20:8-11. Vs. 4: here the temporary feasts are distinguished from the perpetual Sabbath Day, as in vss. 37-38. Holy Feasts forbid only "servile work". Sabbath/Day of Atonement forbade "all manner of work" (vss. 3, 31). Feasts were attached to animal sacrifices (types). This explains Col. 2:16-17: *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ;* referring to these festival "sabbath days/holy days" connected to the months (new moon) now expired with the nation of Israel; they pointed to/fulfilled in Christ. No new holy seasons/days commanded today (heed 1 Kg. 12:33). But the Christian Sabbath remains: Heb. 4:3-9. Lord's Day/First Day of Week (Rev. 1:10; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).

***Move 3: Christ's Holy Supper should be kept weekly by His holy family to proclaim the time.***

Jesus turned the Passover Meal into the Lord's Supper (Mt. 26:17ff). It and all the seasonal feasts and their sacrificial offerings are fulfilled in Him. ... *an holyday ... the new moon ... the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.* (Col. 2:17). Feasts are communicated in His Supper. Ex. 23:14-19 of Three main festivals:

1. Passover/Festival Of Unleavened Bread: vs. 15 (Ex. 12-13; Lev. 23:4-8). Christ is our Savior as "our Passover", 1 Cor. 5:7.
2. Festival of Weeks/Pentecost, "Fifty Days". First fruits of beginning of harvest: vs. 16 (Lev. 23:15-16). Christ's ascension and the spread of the NT Church by the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1ff).
3. Festival of Ingathering/Tabernacles. First fruits of final harvest in fall: vs. 16 (Lev. 23:33-36). John 1:14: Jesus "tabernacled" among us. Rev. 21:3ff; Mt. 1:23/Isa. 7:14; Mark 9:5.

Rest of Lev. 23:

1. Feast of First Fruits of Promised Land (vss. 9-14). Christ is our first fruits of resurrection into heaven, 1 Cor. 15:20, 23.
2. First Fruits of Wheat Harvest (vss. 17-21). Jesus is the Bread of Life and Manna from Heaven.
3. Feast of Trumpets, vss. 23-25. Christ is sounding the seven trumpets of the last days (Rev. 8:2ff). Mt. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16: Christ will return at sound of a great trumpet to gather us.
4. Day of Atonement (Lev. 16; 23:26-32). Jesus is the true, final High Priest (Heb. 4-10).

All this is now in Christ, so all communicated in His Supper. Lord's Supper should be weekly. Acts 2:42, 46-47: "daily" "breaking of bread": context is holy gatherings of holy people for worship and fellowship; "breaking bread" elsewhere of Lord's Supper on Christian Sabbath/worship: Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:16; 11:23-24. Gospels, Christ "brake the bread" after saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you." WLC 177: "often". Westminster Director for Publick Worship: "frequently". Now that the feasts go away, the Passover becomes a weekly feast. "This do in remembrance of me." (Lk. 22:19). Memorial (vs. 24). *For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.* (1 Cor. 11:26). The Lord' Supper is a "picture sermon" that "proclaims" (vss. 2, 4, 21, 37). Both rejoicing/celebrating (vss. 32, 40-41) and sorrow/afflicting (vss. 27, 32): forgiveness of sins.

***Conclusion:***

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