



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Leviticus 23 | Kevin DeYoung

“Sacred Time and Our Saving Christ”

Sunday Morning, May 28, 2023

Outline ~ 7 Festivals in the Life of Israel:

(1) Sabbath (2) Passover (3) Firstfruits (4) Weeks (5) Trumpets (6) Day of Atonement (7) Booths

1. What was your family’s favorite holiday growing up? Still your favorite?
2. **Rhythm:**
 - a. What are some things that make up the rhythm of a regular “workday” for you?
 - b. Kevin said, “These festivals rehearsed God’s work of redemption in the past, and they pointed forward to the fulfillment in Christ of all these feasts in the future.” How does faith in Christ affect our rhythms? (Give some specific examples)
3. **Holidays:** Kevin said, “What you commemorate, you commend. What you celebrate is what you hold up as an example.” How much are Christian values interwoven into our holidays today?
4. **Fulfilled in Christ:** What was the point of these feasts for the Israelites? “It was to reinforce to God’s people that they were a holy people.” What about for us? “To see Christ in all of these feasts.” Which of the feasts/festivals from Lev 23 stood out to you? Why?
5. **Sabbath:** Read Heb 4:9-10. Kevin said, “The way to enter into that *eternal* Sabbath rest is through faith in Christ.” How has the reality of an eternal rest comforted you in the past year?
6. **Passover:** The Passover “was a way to relive and rehearse the events of the Exodus.” Why was celebrating Passover so important for Israel? Read 1 Cor 5:7. How is Passover fulfilled in Christ?
7. **Firstfruits:** This was a wave offering to God for the first of the harvest. Read Lev 23:9-12 and 1 Cor 15:20-24. How does Christ fulfill the Firstfruits festival?
8. **Booths:** Read Zech. 14:16-19 and John 7:37-38. “It became the tradition that the priest would come from the pool of Siloam, and bring the water as if to say, ‘We have kept the feast of booths, and God has kept his promise, and he has given us rain to water the earth, and he has given us the very water which is necessary to sustain life.’ And that was at the very climax of the Feast of Booths.” How does Christ fulfill this feast?
9. **Respond:** Read this sermon excerpt about how Christ fulfills the feasts:

“In Leviticus there is the three-dimensional glorious Christ popping out in every feast. He’s the fulfillment of every holy day. He is our Sabbath rest, our Passover Lamb, the Firstfruits of the resurrection to come, the Giver of the Spirit’s harvest, the trumpet blast of God’s presence, the Scapegoat for our sins, and the one who provides the water of life that we who are pilgrims on earth may know we will one day live forever in our heavenly home. Christ is the fulfillment of each and every one.”

Kevin offered 3 ways we can respond to all the blessings in Christ: *rest*, *remember*, and *rejoice*. Which of these stands as a particular challenge to you in this present season?

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