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Title: We Remember

Text: Leviticus 23 (A Glance of the 7 feasts of Israel)

Target: Memorial Day's are to be etched in history not only to honor those who have gone before us, but also for those who come behind us.

I. Passover: *"In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is the LORD'S Passover."* (Lev. 23:5)

A. Meaning: Freedom from the slavery of Egypt. Death angel passes over every house with blood of the lamb applied.

B. Message: God is a God of **Redemption** (John 1:29)

II. Unleavened Bread: *"And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread To the LORD."* (Lev. 23:6)

A. Meaning: Israel left Egypt in such a hurry that they did not have time to add leaven to their bread while celebrating Passover.

B. Message: God is a God of **Resolution** (John 6:35/Mark 8:15)

III. First Fruits: *"And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath (Nisan 16th) the priest shall wave it."* (Lev. 23:11)

A. Meaning: Crossing of the Red Sea towards a promised land and from that ground a harvest would be given.

B. Message: God is a God of **Resurrection**: (1 Cor. 15:20-23)

IV. Feast of Weeks: *"You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath... two loaves of bread to be waved."* (Lev. 23:16-17)

A. Meaning: Remembering the giving of the Law to Moses 50 days after crossing over the Red Sea. (3000 died - Exodus 32:28)

B. Message: God is a God of **Relocation**: (Acts 2:1-4)

V. Trumpets: *"you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation."* (Lev. 23:24)

A. Meaning: Rosh Hashanah: Head of the year or end of the Harvest. Leading to 10 days of Repentance.

B. Message: God is a God of **Revelation** (1 Thess. 4:16-17)

VI. Day of Atonement: *"Now on the tenth day of the seventh month is the day of Atonement."* (Lev. 23:27)

A. Meaning: Yom Kippur: Holiest of all days, where the priest entered the Holy of Holies, to make atonement for the sins of all people.

B. Message: God is the God of **Reflection** (Romans 5:9)

VII. Feast of Tabernacles: *"On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Tabernacles to the LORD."* (Lev. 23:34)

A. Meaning: A celebration of God's being during the 40 years wandering in the wilderness commemorated by living in shelters for 7 days.

B. Message: God is a God of **Reunion**: (Revelation 21:4)

Take Home: How you respond to points 1-4, determines what happens to you with points 5-7.