



LEVITICUS

Sermon Points & Notes

Week 7 - 11.19.23 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Feasts: Part 1 - A God who Gives Rest

Scripture: Leviticus 23:1-22

Main Point:

Amidst the tyranny of never-ending work, God intervenes with the re-orienting gift of Sabbath and appointed feasts to call us to regularly rest from our work and rejoice in His.

Leviticus 23:1-3:

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.

“Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwelling places.

"A society of 24/7 multitasking in order to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess... has created a rat race of restlessness, leaving an aftermath of inescapable anxiety that is often unmanageable." - Walter Bruegemann

**#1 - I need rest - rest from the weary demands of labor and life
(refreshment)**

-You and I were not made to constantly BE ON. We are not God.

-We don't rest because we have nothing to do, we rest because we'll never be done.

"If we do not allow for a rhythm of rest in our overly busy lives, illness becomes our Sabbath - our pneumonia, our cancer, our heart attack, our accidents create forced Sabbath for us" - Wayne Muller

*"I have yet to find a burned-out person who practiced sabbath religiously" -
Dr. J.R. Briggs*

- Recognizing our limits leads to receiving His life.

**#2 I am not what I do - rest from striving to build and maintain a false
identity (freedom)**

- We TURN OFF work so we can TURN ON worship.
- Recognizing our idolatry leads to receiving His identity

#3 - I trust God - rest from the weight of control and chaos (peace)

- God's saying, "When you rest, I don't."
- Recognizing your insufficiency leads to receiving His sufficiency

Feast #1 - **PASSOVER** (Lev. 23:4-5)

Feast #2 - **UNLEAVENED BREAD** (Lev. 23:6-8)

Feast #3 - **FIRSTFRUITS** (Lev. 23:9-14)

Feast #4 - **WEEKS** (Lev. 23:15-21)

	Creation	Feast	Jesus
1	Light Light into the darkness	Passover God's light of salvation after 9th plague of darkness / separating Egypt from Israel through dividing line of blood of the lamb	Cross (Good Friday) Jesus - bringing salvation as the Passover Lamb / conquering death & darkness as the light of the world (1 Cor. 5:7)
2	Water Separates oceans from the sky	Unleavened Bread Leaving Egypt / Crossing through the waters of the Red Sea	Grave (Holy Saturday) Jesus - despite having no sin (unleavened) - went under the waters of judgment and was buried in the grave
3	Land / Vegetation / Fruit Trees Provision of God for humanity	First Fruits 1st of the new barley harvest as thanksgiving for God's provision	Resurrection (Easter Sunday) Jesus - risen from the grave as the firstfruits of those who will one day rise with him to eternal life (1 Cor. 15:20-23)
4	Sun / Moon / Stars For signs and seasons to direct humanity and give structure for people to live by	Weeks 1st of the wheat harvest / Moses giving the law - ascending Mt. Sinai with accompanied supernatural power of God's glory & presence	Pentecost Jesus - ascends to heaven / sends the Holy Spirit to direct believers' lives - accompanied by supernatural power of God's glory & presence
5	Fish / Birds Separating what's above from what's below	Trumpets Marking the end of the agricultural year / harvest time is over	Jesus' Return - Judgment Jesus - returns as the trumpet sounds, people are separated to eternal judgment or salvation with believers gathered up to heaven
6	Animals / Humanity Climax of creation - preparing what mankind needs	Day of Atonement Climax of feasts as mankind's sin is atoned for in the holy of holies through substitutionary shedding of an animal's blood	Jesus' Return - Victory Jesus - the lamb returns as the lion to crush sin, Satan & death once & for all at the climax of our salvation, giving unhindered access to God's presence forever
7	Sabbath God rested / Humanity enjoys all God has done	Tabernacles Joyful remembrance of God's provision while living in temporary tents / gratitude for home	Jesus' Return - Rest Jesus - ushers us into His new creation for our final, permanent home with God in forever rest.

Reflection:

-Are you resting in Jesus?

-Are you Sabbathing?

-If you're not Sabbathing, why not?