

Leviticus 23:9-14-AMP

9 And the Lord said to Moses,

10 Tell the Israelites, When you have come into the land I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest.

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, that you may be accepted; on the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it [*before the Lord*].

12 You shall offer on the day when you wave the sheaf a male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the Lord.

13 Its cereal offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the Lord for a sweet, pleasing, and satisfying fragrance; and the drink offering of it [*to be poured out*] shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin.

14 And you shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor green ears, until this same day when you have brought the offering of your God; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your houses.

A sheaf (*Hebrew - "omer," meaning - "measure"*) was to be brought to the priest at the Temple *who would wave it before the Lord for acceptance.*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11-Amp - ON OVERHEAD

Leviticus 23:15-16-AMP.

15 And you shall count from the day after the Sabbath, *from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths; [seven full weeks] shall they be.*

16 *Count fifty days* to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to the Lord.

This served as a reminder of the principle declared by David:

1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? *Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*"

What is the significance of this feast for us as Christians?

A. The resurrection of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:20(NIV)

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the *firstfruits* of those who have fallen asleep." -

Passion - 20 But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as *the firstfruit of a great resurrection harvest* of those who have died.

B. The gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5; 2:4-NKJV

4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me;

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

C. The promise of a new creation, our resurrected bodies.

James 1:18(NIV)

"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."

Romans 8:23 (NIV)

“Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the *firstfruits of the Spirit*, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, *the redemption of our bodies.*”

Passion -23 And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the *firstfruits of the Spirit* also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—*including our physical bodies being transformed.*

Ephesians 2:10 (Easy to Read)

“Do you have any idea how many good works God has prepared for you? They are waiting for you to enter into as you walk in faith and trust and dependence upon Christ. As you do so, you become a vivid display of the greatness and the glory of God.

Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; *He has risen, just as he said.*”

“Give of your best to the Master; Give Him first place in your heart; Give Him first place in your service; Consecrate every part.



**Seeing Jesus
In
The Feast Of Firstfruits**

(The Resurrection Of Our Lord)

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