

# Message Eight

## The Feasts (1)

### The Sabbath, the Feast of the Passover, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread

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Scripture Reading: Lev. 23:1-8; Gen. 1:26—2:3; Luke 22:7-20; 1 Cor. 5:7-8

- Lev 23:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,  
Lev 23:2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, As to the appointed feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, these are My appointed feasts.
- Lev 23:3 Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work; it is a Sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwelling places.
- Lev 23:4 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, even the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at their appointed time:
- Lev 23:5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is Jehovah's Passover,  
Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of this month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
- Lev 23:7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.  
Lev 23:8 But you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah seven days. On the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb that produces seed that is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which has fruit that produces seed; they shall be for you as food.
- Gen 1:30 And to every animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven and to everything that creeps upon the earth, in which is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.
- Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth and all their host were finished.  
Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- Luke 22:7 And the day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the passover had to be sacrificed.  
Luke 22:8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare the passover for us, so that we may eat it.  
Luke 22:9 And they said to Him, Where do You want us to prepare it?  
Luke 22:10 And He told them, Behold, as you are entering into the city, a man carrying an earthen jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters.
- Luke 22:11 And you shall say to the master of the house, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the passover with My disciples?
- Luke 22:12 And that one will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare there.  
Luke 22:13 And they left and found it even as He had told them, and they prepared the passover.  
Luke 22:14 And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him.  
Luke 22:15 And He said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer,  
Luke 22:16 For I tell you that I shall by no means eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.  
Luke 22:17 And He received a cup and gave thanks and said, Take this and divide it among yourselves;  
Luke 22:18 For I tell you, I shall by no means drink from now on of the product of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.
- Luke 22:19 And He took a loaf and gave thanks, and He broke it and gave it to them, saying, This is My body which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.  
Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My

- blood, which is being poured out for you.
- 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
- 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## **I. The feasts in Leviticus 23 were for rest and enjoyment and typify Christ as our rest and enjoyment—v. 2; Matt. 11:28-30:**

- Lev 23 be omitted.
- Lev 23:2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, As to the appointed feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, these are My appointed feasts.
- Matt 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matt 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- Matt 11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.
- A. God ordained the feasts that His people might rest with Him and be joyful with Him, that they might enjoy with Him and with one another all that He has provided for His redeemed people; the rest and enjoyment were not individual but corporate—Lev. 23:1-2.
- Lev 23:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 23:2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, As to the appointed feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, these are My appointed feasts.
- B. The feasts appointed by Jehovah were holy convocations, special assemblies of God's people called for a special and particular purpose—v. 4.
- Lev 23:4 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, even the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at their appointed time:
- C. These signify the gathering of the believers as the church to have a corporate rest and enjoyment of Christ before God, with God, and with one another—1 Cor. 10:16-17.
- 1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?
- 1 Cor 10:17 Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.

## **II. The weekly feast, the Sabbath, signifies the rest that God's redeemed people enjoy with God and with one another; every seven days there was a day for rest and enjoyment—Lev. 23:3:**

- Lev 23:3 Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work; it is a Sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwelling places.
- A. The principle of the Sabbath is that we should cease our work because God has done everything for us and has become everything for our enjoyment—Gen. 2:2-3.
- Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- B. According to the book of Genesis, to God the Sabbath is the seventh day, but to man it is the first day—1:26—2:3:
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Gen 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- Gen 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
- Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb that produces seed that is on the surface of all the earth and every tree which has fruit that produces seed; they shall be for you as food.

- Gen 1:30 And to every animal of the earth and to every bird of heaven and to everything that creeps upon the earth, in which is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.
- Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
- Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth and all their host were finished.
- Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

1. The significance of this is that to God the Sabbath was rest after work, but to man it was rest first and then work.
2. God first worked for six days and then rested on the seventh day; man rested on his first day and then began to work.
3. Man's first day being a day of rest established a divine principle: God first supplies us with enjoyment, and then we work together with Him—1 Cor. 15:10; 3:9a, 10; 2 Cor. 6:1.
  - 1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.
  - 1 Cor 3:9a For we are God's fellow workers; ...
  - 1 Cor 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he builds upon it.
  - 2 Cor 6:1 And working together with Him, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

C. The principle of the Sabbath applies not only in creation but also in redemption; the result of Christ's work in redemption is Christ Himself as the Sabbath—Eph. 1:6-7; Heb. 1:3; 9:11-12.

- Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;
- Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace,
- Heb 1:3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- Heb 9:11 But Christ, having come as a High Priest of the good things that have come into being, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not of this creation,
- Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.

D. The principal denotation of all the annual feasts is for God's people to enjoy rest with God and with one another—Lev. 23:7-8, 21, 25, 28, 31-32, 35-36, 39:

- Lev 23:7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:8 But you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah seven days. On the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:21 And you shall make a proclamation on that same day; you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor. It shall be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.
- Lev 23:25 You shall do no work of labor, but you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:28 And you shall do no work on that same day, because it is a Day of Expiation, to make expiation on your behalf before Jehovah your God.
- Lev 23:31 You shall do no work; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.
- Lev 23:32 It shall be to you a Sabbath of complete rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month in the evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your Sabbath.
- Lev 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:36 Seven days you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah. It is a solemn assembly; you shall do no work of labor.

- Lev 23:39 Then on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall keep the feast of Jehovah seven days; on the first day shall be a complete rest, and on the eighth day shall be a complete rest.
1. Rest is thus the denotation of the seven annual feasts; every annual feast, like the weekly rest, was a rest.
  2. The weekly rest lays the foundation for God's people to keep the holy feasts with God annually.
- E. The weekly Sabbath was a complete, solemn rest; this complete rest signifies a genuine and thorough rest with God for God's redeemed people to enjoy with Him and with one another—v. 3.
- Lev 23:3 Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work; it is a Sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwelling places.
- F. This Sabbath, this rest, was "to Jehovah," signifying a rest for God's joy and enjoyment, participated in by His redeemed people—v. 3.
- Lev 23:3 Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work; it is a Sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwelling places.

### III. There were seven annual feasts—vv. 4-44:

- Lev 23:4 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, even the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at their appointed time:
- Lev 23:5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is Jehovah's Passover,
- Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of this month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
- Lev 23:7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:8 But you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah seven days. On the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:9 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 23:10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I am giving you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest;
- Lev 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah for your acceptance; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.
- Lev 23:12 And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:13 And its meal offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering by fire to Jehovah for a satisfying fragrance. And its drink offering shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin.
- Lev 23:14 And you shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that same day, until you have brought the offering of your God. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.
- Lev 23:15 And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath; from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering there shall be seven complete Sabbaths.
- Lev 23:16 You shall count fifty days until the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a new meal offering to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:17 You shall bring out of your dwelling places two loaves as a wave offering; they shall be of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with leaven, as firstfruits to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:18 And you shall present with the bread seven lambs, a year old without blemish, and one bull of the herd and two rams; they shall be a burnt offering to Jehovah with their meal offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire for a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:19 And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs, a year old, for a sacrifice of peace offerings.
- Lev 23:20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before Jehovah with the two lambs; they shall be holy to Jehovah for the priest.
- Lev 23:21 And you shall make a proclamation on that same day; you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor. It shall be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places

- throughout your generations.
- Lev 23:22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner; I am Jehovah your God.
- Lev 23:23 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 23:24 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a complete rest, a memorial commemorated by the blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.
- Lev 23:25 You shall do no work of labor, but you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:26 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 23:27 And on the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Expiation; you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall afflict your souls and present an offering by fire to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:28 And you shall do no work on that same day, because it is a Day of Expiation, to make expiation on your behalf before Jehovah your God.
- Lev 23:29 If there is any person who does not afflict himself on that same day, he shall be cut off from his people.
- Lev 23:30 And if any person does any work on that same day, I will destroy that person from among his people.
- Lev 23:31 You shall do no work; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.
- Lev 23:32 It shall be to you a Sabbath of complete rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month in the evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your Sabbath.
- Lev 23:33 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Lev 23:34 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:36 Seven days you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah. It is a solemn assembly; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:37 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present an offering by fire to Jehovah, burnt offerings and meal offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its own day,
- Lev 23:38 Besides the Sabbaths of Jehovah and besides your gifts and besides all your vows and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to Jehovah.
- Lev 23:39 Then on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall keep the feast of Jehovah seven days; on the first day shall be a complete rest, and on the eighth day shall be a complete rest.
- Lev 23:40 And on the first day you shall take for yourselves the product of stately trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before Jehovah your God for seven days.
- Lev 23:41 And you shall keep it as a feast to Jehovah seven days in the year. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month.
- Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths seven days—all who are native in Israel shall dwell in booths -
- Lev 23:43 So that your descendants may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am Jehovah your God.
- Lev 23:44 And Moses declared to the children of Israel the appointed feasts of Jehovah.
- A. Seven is the number of fullness, signifying that the seven annual feasts were in the fullness of God's riches.
- B. Christ is the reality of the Sabbath and of all the annual feasts—Col. 2:16-17.
- Col 2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,
- Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

#### **IV. The Feast of the Passover is in the first month of the year, that is, the beginning of a course—Lev. 23:4-5:**

- Lev 23:4 These are the appointed feasts of Jehovah, even the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at their appointed time:
- Lev 23:5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is Jehovah's Passover,

- A. This signifies Christ as our redemption to begin our enjoyment of God's salvation with God—v. 5:  
 Lev 23:5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is Jehovah's Passover,
1. The Passover, the first feast of all the annual feasts ordained by God for His people, typifies that Christ is the beginning of our enjoyment of Him that originates our Christian life—1 Cor. 5:7-8.
    - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
    - 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
  2. The entire Christian life should be such a feast—v. 8.
    - 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- B. The Passover is in the denotation of a passing over—Exo. 12:  
 Exo 12 be omitted.
1. This signifies that the judging God has passed over us, the sinners who are in our sins, so that we may enjoy Him as our feast.
  2. Today we have this feast, which is the redeeming God Himself, and we are enjoying Him for rest and for joy.
- C. In the Passover, Christ is not only the Passover lamb but also the entire Passover—1 Cor. 5:7b:  
 1 Cor 5:7b ... for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
1. In His perfect redemption through His death judicially and in His complete salvation by His life organically for the carrying out of God's eternal economy, Christ is the Feast of the Passover—vv. 7-8.
    - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
    - 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
  2. To be our Passover, He was sacrificed on the cross that we might be redeemed and reconciled to God.
  3. Based upon Christ's redemption, we may enjoy Him as a feast before God:
    - a. In this feast no leaven is allowed to be present—v. 7a.
      - 1 Cor 5:7a Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; ...
    - b. Sin and the redeeming Christ cannot go together.
- D. The Feast of the Passover is a sign of God's full redemption, and this full redemption is the bringing of God's chosen people into the full enjoyment of Himself.
- E. The Lord's table, which also is a feast, replaces and continues the Feast of the Passover—Luke 22:7-20:  
 Luke 22:7 And the day of Unleavened Bread came, on which the passover had to be sacrificed.  
 Luke 22:8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare the passover for us, so that we may eat it.  
 Luke 22:9 And they said to Him, Where do You want us to prepare it?  
 Luke 22:10 And He told them, Behold, as you are entering into the city, a man carrying an earthen jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters.  
 Luke 22:11 And you shall say to the master of the house, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the passover with My disciples?  
 Luke 22:12 And that one will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare there.  
 Luke 22:13 And they left and found it even as He had told them, and they prepared the passover.  
 Luke 22:14 And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him.  
 Luke 22:15 And He said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer,  
 Luke 22:16 For I tell you that I shall by no means eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

- Luke 22:17 And He received a cup and gave thanks and said, Take this and divide it among yourselves;
- Luke 22:18 For I tell you, I shall by no means drink from now on of the product of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.
- Luke 22:19 And He took a loaf and gave thanks, and He broke it and gave it to them, saying, This is My body which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.
- Luke 22:20 And similarly the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood, which is being poured out for you.
1. Today in the church life we are attending the New Testament feast, but this feast will not be fulfilled completely until the feast in the coming kingdom—vv. 16, 18.  
 Luke 22:16 For I tell you that I shall by no means eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.  
 Luke 22:18 For I tell you, I shall by no means drink from now on of the product of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.
  2. The Feast of the Passover is one feast in three stages: the Feast of the Passover, the feast at the Lord's table, and the feast in the kingdom.

**V. The Feast of Unleavened Bread signifies Christ, who is without sin, for our enjoyment as a feast in a life apart from sin—Lev. 23:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:21:**

- Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of this month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
- Lev 23:7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- Lev 23:8 But you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah seven days. On the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.
- 2 Cor 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- A. Since the Feast of Unleavened Bread closely followed the Feast of the Passover, these two feasts should be considered together; the first feast—the Feast of the Passover—was the beginning, and the second feast—the Feast of Unleavened Bread—was the continuation—Lev. 23:5-6.  
 Lev 23:5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight, is Jehovah's Passover,  
 Lev 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of this month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Jehovah; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.
  - B. Keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Deut. 16:1-8) typifies the purging away of all sinful things through the enjoyment of Christ as the sinless life supply—Exo. 23:15:  
 Deut 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and hold the Passover to Jehovah your God; for in the month of Abib Jehovah your God brought you out of Egypt by night.  
 Deut 16:2 And you shall sacrifice the passover to Jehovah your God, from the flock and from the herd, in the place where Jehovah will choose to cause His name to dwell.  
 Deut 16:3 You shall not eat anything leavened with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction (for in alarmed haste you came out of the land of Egypt); in order that you may remember the day of your coming out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.  
 Deut 16:4 And leaven shall not be seen with you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall any of the flesh which you sacrifice in the evening on the first day remain until morning.  
 Deut 16:5 You may not sacrifice the passover within any of your gates, which Jehovah your God is giving you;  
 Deut 16:6 Rather, in the place where Jehovah your God will choose to cause His name to dwell, you shall sacrifice the passover in the evening, as the sun sets, at the time that you came out of Egypt.  
 Deut 16:7 And you shall cook and eat it in the place which Jehovah your God will choose, and you shall turn in the morning and go to your tents.  
 Deut 16:8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. And on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to Jehovah your God; you shall not do any work.  
 Exo 23:15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread; as I commanded you, seven days you shall eat unleavened bread at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out from Egypt. And no one shall appear before Me empty.

1. No leaven was to be seen with the children of Israel; this signifies that we must deal with the sin of which we are conscious, with any sin that is manifested, that is seen—13:7; 12:19; 1 Cor. 5:7a; Heb. 12:1-2a:
    - Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.
    - Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.
    - 1 Cor 5:7a Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; ...
    - Heb 12:1 Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us and run with endurance the race which is set before us,
    - Heb 12:2a Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, ...
      - a. To deal with manifested sin is to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
      - b. If we tolerate sin once it is exposed, we will lose the enjoyment of the fellowship of God's people—Exo. 12:19; 1 Cor. 5:13.
        - Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the assembly of Israel, whether a sojourner or a native of the land.
        - 1 Cor 5:13 But those who are outside, God will judge. Remove the evil man from among yourselves.
  2. Christ is our unleavened bread, our sinless life supply of sincerity and truth, absolutely pure, without mixture, and full of reality—vv. 7-8:
    - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
    - 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
      - a. The only way to eliminate sin is to daily eat Christ as the crucified, resurrected, and sinless life, signified by the unleavened bread.
      - b. The unleavened bread signifies the sinless Christ who is to be dispensed into us, His believers, as the unleavened (sinless) element; as the unleavened bread, Christ is the spiritual and divine food that makes us unleavened.
      - c. When we take Christ as our life—an unleavened life, a purifying life—this life purifies us—Col. 3:4; John 6:48, 57, 63.
        - Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
        - John 6:48 I am the bread of life.
        - John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
        - John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
  3. As the unleavened bread, Christ is for us to live a pure church life—1 Cor. 5:7-8:
    - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
    - 1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
      - a. In the church there should be no leaven, which in the Bible signifies all negative things, such as wrong doctrines and practices, evil deeds, and sinful things.
      - b. We need to be a new lump (v. 7)—the church, composed of believers in their new nature.
        - 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.
- C. The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasting for seven days signifies the entire course of our



Christian life—Lev. 23:8:

Lev 23:8 But you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah seven days. On the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.

1. The course of our Christian life is a feast of unleavened bread, a feast without sin—1 Cor. 5:8.  
1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
2. We have been redeemed from sin, and now our Redeemer, who is without sin, is the feast for our entire life—2 Cor. 5:21.  
2 Cor 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
3. Throughout the course of our Christian life, we should be enjoying rest, enjoying God, and enjoying our Redeemer.

- D. Having a holy convocation on the first and last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, with no work of labor, signifies that we enjoy Christ corporately without our human labor, from the first day until the last day of the course of our Christian life—Lev. 23:8.

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- E. The presenting of an offering by fire to Jehovah for seven days (a full course of time) signifies that we offer Christ as food to God continually through the full course of our Christian life—v. 8:

Lev 23:8 But you shall present an offering by fire to Jehovah seven days. On the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no work of labor.

1. At the Lord's table we make a display to the entire universe that each day of the week we take Christ as our unleavened bread, as our life supply apart from sin, and that we come to the table with Him—1 Cor. 5:7-8.  
1 Cor 5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.  
1 Cor 5:8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
2. Then we offer to God for His satisfaction the One whom we have been enjoying as our food—John 6:32-33, 48, 50-57.  
John 6:32 Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread out of heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of heaven.  
John 6:33 For the bread of God is He who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.  
John 6:48 I am the bread of life.  
John 6:50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die.  
John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread which I will give is My flesh, given for the life of the world.  
John 6:52 The Jews then contended with one another, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat?  
John 6:53 Jesus therefore said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within yourselves.  
John 6:54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.  
John 6:55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.  
John 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him.  
John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.