

# Sermon Notes

## Holy Holidays: Part 2

### December 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

#### - Recap:

- **Leviticus 23** lists 7 special times in ancient Israel's religious calendar besides Sabbaths:
  - Passover and Unleavened Bread (week long)
  - Firstfruits
  - Feast of Weeks (or Pentecost, involved traveling.)
  - Feast of Trumpets
  - Day of Atonement
  - Feast of Tabernacles (week long)
- Make the Holidays true Holy Days. Take time to honor God, remembering what He has done. And examine your heart to realign yourself with God.

#### - Holy Holidays Part Two:

- Jesus said, **Matthew 5:17**. We can learn some things from looking at ancient Israel in the Old Testament.
- These Feasts and Holy days are mentioned in the New Testament:
  - Passover and Unleavened Bread: This was the last supper. **Matthew 26:17-21**
    - Paul also refers to Jesus as the Passover Lamb. **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**
      - Tie to communion. **Matthew 26:26-28**
  - Firstfruits: **1 Corinthians 15:20-24**. Clear reference to the resurrection of Christ.
    - Christ the first fruits, but we who believe and serve God will receive power over death too!!
    - Starts to get a little scattered at this point. Firstfruits also used in other ways. **Rom 8:23**.
  - Pentecost: This was the birth of the New Testament church. **Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:41**
    - Is that the fulfillment of Pentecost? Not sure. Some say yes. Does it fit 1 Cor 15?
  - Feast of Trumpets: Is this the second coming?? **1 Corinthians 15:50-57**
    - Eschatologists sometimes also tie the rapture in here. **Matthew 24:30-31**
  - Day of Atonement: Some say this corresponds to the Great Tribulation. **Matthew 24:20-22**
  - Feast of Tabernacles: Some say this corresponds to the Thousand Year Reign. **Revelation 20:4-6**
    - This is God dwelling with man temporarily, before the New Heavens and Earth.
- Notice any verses in there that were a little hard to understand? That seemed to go different directions?
  - Yeah, me too. What do we do with that?
    - We have been given all of the information we need. Some is hidden, but that's ok.
  - I like practical eschatology. How do we make sure those days are good days for us?
  - **Luke 12:32-46** describes how to be ready.
    - Let's look at the "It will be good..." verses. **Luke 12:37, 38, and 43**.
    - Be watching (37). Be ready (38). Be doing your part (43).
      - You'd be doing that anyway. Like the candle at Christmas Eve.
- Let's close with two verses. **Luke 12:32** again. That is a helpful verse.
  - Then, **1 Corinthians 15:58**. Stand firm. Your labor is not pointless, but of eternal significance.
  - Get ready by giving your life to Christ. Receiving forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, and then sharing the good things of God with others.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!