



Lesson 16 – Pentecost

Read Acts Chapter 2

- 1) What cryptic thing did God ask for when He was speaking of the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

Leviticus 23:15-16 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; _____ sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number _____ days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

7 Sabbaths means 7 weeks. 7 days x 7 weeks = 49 days. You then add one day more according to the command and there you have the day of Pentecost.

- 2) How does the Book of Deuteronomy record this?

Deuteronomy 16:9-10 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the _____. And thou shalt keep the feast of _____ unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:

Note: the KJV uses the word corn in reference to grain.

Pentecost, so-called because it was held fifty days after the waving of first-fruits, was the last of the annual feasts held in the first half of the year. This feast was called the Feast of Weeks, on account of seven weeks intervening between it and the Passover feast. It was also called the Feast of Harvest, as it came at the close of the harvest. The Feast of Weeks was one of the three principal annual feasts when all the men of Israel were required to appear before the Lord in Jerusalem.

As the children of Israel journeyed toward Jerusalem to attend this feast, on all sides could be seen the stubble from which had been gathered the ripened grain that lay all ready to be trodden out upon the threshing-floors.

- 3) What were the Israelites to bring when they came to the Feast of Pentecost?

Deuteronomy 16:10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a _____ offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD thy God hath _____ thee:

At the time of the Passover feast, there was uncertainty in regard to the coming harvest, as drought or storm might blight it before it was gathered; but now there was no uncertainty. The fruit of the harvest was in their possession, to be used for their pleasure and the advancement of the work of the Lord. And none were to appear before the Lord empty. They were not simply



to bring a few heads of grain, as in the springtime; but they were to bring a freewill offering according as the Lord had blessed them.

The children of Israel were expected to make liberal offerings to the Lord at this time. It was a season of great rejoicing for the entire family, in which the Levites and the poor and afflicted were to join.

4) What was to be brought to the Tabernacle on that day?

Leviticus 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave _____ of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven _____ without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the _____ for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

Leviticus 23:20 And the priest shall _____ them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

The services of the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, occupied but one day. Every kind of Offering was presented at the temple, among them two loaves of leavened bread, which were waved before the Lord. The Feast of Weeks was observed as an annual sabbath and was a holy convocation.

5) What were the fruits of Jesus' labor in sowing seeds of truth?

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about _____ _____ souls.

When Christ ascended from the earth, He bade His disciples to teach all nations. They were to carry the gospel to the entire world. The disciples saw only a mere handful of believers as the result of Christ's three years of toil and sacrifice. But when Pentecost had fully come in **Acts Chapter 2**, or in other words, when the seed which the Son of God Himself had sown during those three and a half years of weary toil, had sprung up, then came the harvest.

The disciples were ignorant of the results of the Saviour's life, work, and sacrifice upon the minds of the people. In explaining to them the parable of the tares and the wheat, Christ had said, "**He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man,**" but they comprehended it not. As the Saviour went from city to hamlet, He was constantly sowing the "**good seed.**" The harvest of souls gathered from this seed was to be presented at the antitypical Feast of Harvest.



6) When the Israelites celebrated the Feast of Pentecost at the Temple what were they to bring?

Exodus 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast _____ in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Of each one God had said, At the Feast of Harvest thou shalt present **“the first-fruits of thy labors, which thou hast sown in the field.”** The antitype came when the Son of man presented **“the first-fruits”** of His labor, which He had sown in the field.

7) What did the Prophet Joel tell us?

Joel 2:23-24 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the _____ rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the _____ rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

In Palestine, there was an early rain and latter rain, which came in time to ripen the harvest. The prophet Joel, in speaking of the work of God in the last days, uses the terms **“former”** and **“latter rain”** to represent the outpouring of God's Spirit. And in the following words, he gives the assurance that in the closing work of the gospel in the earth God will again pour out His Spirit: **“He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain, . . . and the floors shall be full of wheat.”** This great harvest of souls at the antitypical Feast of Harvest was only the beginning of the greater harvest that will be gathered before the end of the world.

8) What does 2 Corinthians 9:6 tell us?

But this I say, He which soweth _____ shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth _____ shall reap also bountifully.

As the seed sown by the Son of man during His earthly ministry brought a harvest of souls at Pentecost or the early rain, so the good seed sown by Christ's ambassadors who faithfully scatter the printed page filled with the gospel message, and by voice and life teach the saving truth, will yield a bountiful harvest in the time of the latter rain, when God's Spirit is poured out upon all flesh. Then will be gathered the fruit of what each one has sown in the field. **“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully,”** is the divine promise.

Can you see how Jesus' ministry on earth bore fruit at Pentecost? _____

Are you interested in bringing in souls to the great day of redemption? _____

Will you now ask Him now to show you what to do? _____



Editors Note: The previous lesson was pretty much how Mr. Haskell left the chapter. I did very few edits to it. I would like to add a little thought to what we have learned. I will start with a question:

- 9) When did God speak to the Children of Israel on Mt Sinai and speak the Ten Commandments from the mountain top?

Exodus 19:1 In the _____ month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

Exodus 19 is all about making preparations for God's big meeting with Moses and the leaders, Exodus 20 is the revealing of God's Word the 10 Commandments.

Let's do a little thinking. If Passover is on the 14th of the 1st month, add 50 days to the calendar and that would put you into the 3rd month. It would appear to me that God had a Holy convocation at Mt Sinai and gave the 10 commandments on the day of Pentecost. You say that's crazy, but think about it, God had planted the seeds of freedom in the hearts of His people and there they were, a harvest of the redeemed 50 days after their deliverance.

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