

"Feasts and Laws" Elder lester Sept 30, 2018

Introduction: We'll continue our theme of seeing our life between the interaction of our God and the **experiences** of our ancient brothers and sisters Israel. These **experiences** are created as they responded to the invitation of their God to enter a **covenant** with Him. The **covenant** has an ultimate objective of bring this group of humanity in the light of **His Son**. The scripture is very clear that **His Son** is the subject of the Written Word of God, Luke 24:1-35 and He is the **LIGHT of the world**, John 8:7-12. Because of our relationship to Him we are **lights in the world**, Phi 2:12-16. For all things are created **for** and **by** Him, Isa 43:6-7 and Col 1:15-17.

Deuteronomy chapter 16:

The Passover Reviewed verses 1-8 (Month of Nisan, Abib or Aviv Mar/Apr)
The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are related:

The Feast of Weeks Reviewed verses 9-12 (Month of Sivan May/June) Being an Agriculture Society God provided Israel an opportunity to show their love for Him.

The Feast of Tabernacles Reviewed verses 13-15 (Month of Tishri, Tishrei Sept/Oct) An opportunity to remember the wilderness journey.

These three feasts posed three major questions? verses 16-17: One, who is commanded to go up. Secondly, why are they commanded to go up. and, lastly, are they commanded to go up in the present age?

1. All with special emphasis on men.
2. God's presence. Offering of the tithes and the reading and instructions from the Torah
3. No: Mainly "A place of God's own choosing" no longer exist.

The Lord had their backs: Ex 34:23-24

¹⁶ "Three times a year all your males **shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they **shall** not appear before the LORD empty-handed. ¹⁷ Every man *shall give* as he is able, according

to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you. **Heb 4:14-16 cp 10:19-25**

Justice Must Be Administered verses 18-22.

How did we come to a count of 613 Laws? (Laws that make up the 613)
"Shall" appears about 35 times

Deuteronomy chapter 17:

Various Instructions verses 1-13

Principles Governing Kings verses 14-20 (cp Gen 3:22-24)

Conclusion: "To live" or "Life itself", for Israel was totally related to and depended on their God and their relationship to Him. We as the body of Christ stand in that same position; "To Live" or "Life itself" are totally tied to the principles for living in relationship to Our Lord: (From: ADDICTION A Banquet in the Grave, by Edward T. Welch) a word based on these verses from Ephesians: Eph 4:1, 4:2-5, 4:25-27, 4:29-30, 4:32, 5:22, 5:25, 6:1 and 6:5.