



The Feast of Firstfruits

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Leviticus 23:12-13

On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the Lord a lamb a year old without defect, together with its grain offering (of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the Lord, ...

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Leviticus 23:14

You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live.

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Leviticus 23:11

He is to wave the sheaf before the Lord so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath

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Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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1. A relationship of dependence

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Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.

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Deuteronomy 8:17
You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors ...

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What is the condition of your heart ?

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2. A relationship of trust

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What is your first fruit (first step) offering ?

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Exodus 34:21

“Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.

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John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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Psalm 46:10

He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

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Psalm 27:1

Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.

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3. A relationship of expectancy

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3. A relationship of expectancy

1 Corinthians 15:20

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

Even so, Lord, quickly come—
bring your final harvest home!
gather all your people in
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there together purified,
ever thankful at your side—
come, with all your angels, come,
bring that glorious harvest home!

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3. A relationship of expectancy

1 Corinthians 15:23
But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

