

SACRED

GOD'S INVITATION TO
DRAW NEAR

Pausing To Be Holy

Leviticus 23:1-8

God asks us to pause.

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Leviticus 23:1–2 CSB

Israel's appointed times in the Spring:

Sabbath - One-day a week rest (all year)

Passover - Once a year remembrance

Festival of Unleavened Bread - Week-long remembrance

Offering of first fruits - First crops offered to Yahweh

Festival of Weeks - First crops offered to Yahweh

Israel's appointed times in the Fall:

Sabbath - One-day a week rest (all year)

Day of Trumpet Blasts - Acknowledge the Lord as God

Day of Atonement - Tabernacle cleansed and sins forgiven

Festival of Booths - Celebrate the Lord's provision

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And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24–25 CSB

“Work may be done for six days, but on the seventh day there is to be a Sabbath of complete rest, a sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; it is a Sabbath to the LORD wherever you live.”

Leviticus 23:3 CSB

Then he told them, “The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.”

Mark 2:27 CSB

He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As usual, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read.

Luke 4:16 CSB

Rest is not being lazy; it's being holy.

“These are the LORD’s appointed times, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times. The Passover to the LORD comes in the first month, at twilight on the fourteenth day of the month.”

Leviticus 23:4-5 CSB

“You are to celebrate the LORD’s festival on the fifteenth day of the seventh month for seven days after you have gathered the produce of the land. There will be complete rest on the first day and complete rest on the eighth day. On the first day you are to take the product of majestic trees—palm fronds, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook—and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

You are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD seven days each year. This is a permanent statute for you throughout your generations; celebrate it in the seventh month.”

Leviticus 23:39-41 CSB

“Therefore, a Sabbath rest remains for
God’s people.”

Hebrews 4:9 CSB