**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 16, Part 2**

**(Dt. 12:1-28:68)**

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III. The Practices of Worship (Dt. 14-28): Family Practices

 A. Introduction: Family Practices: *“Children of the LORD”* (Dt. 14:1-2) >

B. Concerning Food (14:3-21)

C. Concerning Finances (14:22-29; 15:1-29)

 1. Release Debts (15:1-11)

 2. Release Debtors (15:12-18)

3. Respect firstlings (15:19-23)

**D. Concerning Faith (16:1 ff.)**

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**Introduction about Feasts (vv. 1-4)**

 **I. Passover (1-8),**

**II. Pentecost (9-12)**

**III. Tabernacles (13-15)**

**Pentecost (9-12)**

**PREMISE: The OT points to Christ as Passover Lamb and to the assembly as His place of worship.**

**I. The When of Pentecost**

A. Name: *“Feast of Harvest”* (Ex. 23:16); *“Day of First Fruits”* (Num. 28:26); *“fifty days”* (Lev. 23:16). > 50 days after Passover > Pentecost (Sunday)

 B. Number: Seven weeks = seven sevens (*heptads*) = 49 days

**II. The What of Pentecost**

A. The Observance > yearly

 B. The Offering > freewill as Lord blessed (Dt. 8:17-18)

**III. The Who of Pentecost**

A. The People > covenant community > community in unity (e.g., everyone a team player!)

 1. Father and mother

 2. Children

 3. Servants

 4. Levite

 5. Stranger

 6. Disadvantaged

 B. The Place > place of rejoicing (Dt. 12:5, 7, 12, 18); Ultimately Jerusalem > central sanctuary

**IV. The Why of Pentecost**

A. The Blessing of the Lord: agricultural

 B. The Deliverance of the Lord: from Egypt

C. The Fulfillment of the Lord > Christ = Passover Lamb (**final sacrifice**); 50 days later on Sunday (**not Saturday**) public inauguration of assembly (**not Temple**):

1. Acts 2:1 > house filled (Ex. 40:34-35; I Ki. 8:10-11; Ezk. 43:1-4)

 2. Acts 20:16; I Cor. 16:8

**CONCLUSION: For the Christian, we understand that the Lord is the Passover Lamb and He has authenticated His place of worship of Him on Sunday.**