

GOD'S HOLY FEAST DAYS, THUMBNAIL SKETCH
AND SATAN'S DECEPTION - SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class, let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we study today. This lesson is about God's Holy Days and the unfortunate deceptions in this world surrounding them. Deception means a lie, trickery or fraud; the Bible tells us Satan is the author of all deception, Revelation 12:9, 20:10.
- Say - The deception surrounding God's Holy Days are that we do not need to keep them Holy including the weekly Sabbath Day. Another deception is that all of God's Holy Days are Jewish. Still another deception is that God's Holy Days ended with the sacrificial system.
- Say - The deception or lie surrounding God's Holy Days is very unfortunate because God's Holy Days reveal the purpose of man and God's plan of salvation or "Path of Life" for all mankind. God's Holy Days also reveal the future of this world.
- Say - The entire world continually searches for the answers to the purpose of man and the future of this world. The answers lie in our Bible, the most sold book in the world, yet many are unaware of this fact!
- Say - Why do God's people not fall for these deceptions? God calls us a "peculiar people", which means we are of great value to Him. The Bible says, "For those called of God are a people chosen by God from ALL the nations of the earth as His possession" Titus 2:14, I Peter 2:9. The Bible tells us to "Hold fast", to keep or guard carefully and faithfully, cherishing this great calling, Revelation 3:11.
- Say - When God called us to His Truth, He removed the spiritual deception. Here is how the Bible says it, "¹⁴But the natural man (the physical man before repentance and conversion) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (must have God's spirit, the mind of Christ to spiritually understand what the Bible teaches)" I Corinthians 2:14.
- Say - God, speaking through Paul to the spiritual brethren said, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant (blind, deceived, unable to understand) of this mystery (things hidden from those not called of God; "²⁶... the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷... which is Christ in you, the hope of

glory" Colossians 1:26-27. When Christ lives in us, we can become fully formed and become like our maker, God; this is the "hope of glory", Philippians 3:21, I John 3:2) lest ye should be wise in your own conceits (opinions); that blindness in part (not totally blind, still had the knowledge of the Law of God but could not understand spiritual things) is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles (those not worshipping the true God) be come in (to the opportunity of salvation)" Romans 11:25.

Say – What then is the purpose of man? In the first book of the Bible God tells us “Let us make man in our image” Genesis 1:26. Now we are like Him physically but at His return we will be like Him spiritually, ²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body..."Philippians 3:21, I John 3:2. In another place the Bible says, “... if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant (an agreement between God and man), then ye shall be a peculiar treasure (very special) unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation” Exodus 19:5-6.

Say – Do you think God would tell us this and then never reveal or show His people the way to become like Him? The answer is no. God “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling (a divine calling) ... according to his own purpose (and that purpose is to “make us in His image” through His plan of salvation shown to us in His Holy Feast Days, 2 Timothy 1:9, Genesis 1:26).

Say – As we look at the deceptions surrounding God’s Holy Days, remember, all of God’s Sabbaths, weekly and annual, were made at creation, long before there was any nation on earth. The Bible says, “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs (a distinguishing mark), and for season (a sacred appointed time or festival), and for days, and years” Genesis 1:14.

Say - Let’s do away with the first deception which is that God’s Holy Days are Jewish Holy Days. Here is how the Bible clarifies this for us. “The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you are to proclaim (cry out, tell) as sacred assemblies” Leviticus 23:2, 44.

Say – But how do we understand in the New Testament when the Bible refers to them as the “Jew’s Feast” in John 5:1 6:4, 7:2, 7:11? It is because the Jews were the only ones keeping God's Feasts. The Romans and Greeks were not keeping God’s Feasts any more than the Jews were keeping the Roman festival called the “Saturnalia” which is the Roman’s celebration of the birth of the sun god. Now,

however, the majority of the world celebrates the Saturnalia only with a new name, Christmas.

Say – Another deception we should eliminate is that God’s Holy Days ended with the sacrificial system. The Bible tells us otherwise. “And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation (a sacred assembly) unto you: ... it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations” Leviticus 23:21, 31, 41. "Forever" means with out end, everlasting. God’s Holy Days will last forever just like the Bible says.

Say – Let’s take a brief look at each of God's Holy Feast Days as found in Leviticus 23. The first Holy Day or Feast day is the weekly Sabbath. The word Sabbath means to “stop” and “Feast” means to “circle around”. The weekly Sabbath is a day to come out of the world ruled by the “prince or ruler of this world”, Satan, and “circle or gather around God” as in giving honor to Him, John 14:30. When we show honor to God, we are saying He supplies all our needs that He is the author of our salvation for His "... holy scriptures, are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" 2 Timothy 3:15. The Bible tells us "...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" John 6:63. The weekly Sabbath Day is not a day of business as usual or pleasure as usual.

Say - All of God’s annual Sabbaths or Holy Days are attached to the two seasonal harvests which we will see are symbolic of His two SPIRITUAL HARVESTS (see Pentecost Part [1](#), [2](#), and [3](#))! In the springtime harvest there are three annual Holy days; a Holy Day memorial to Passover, (which the world has wrongly changed to Easter), the Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost.

Say – These springtime festivals are symbolic of the first steps in achieving the purpose for God’s creation and that is to make us in His image, and give us eternal life, Genesis 1:26, John 3:16. Passover pictures repentance which means to be deeply sorry for our sins against God. Then upon forgiveness of our sins, we are spared the death penalty (2nd death) by Christ's perfect sacrifice when He was crucified for us.

Say - Days of Unleavened Bread pictures being cleansed of sin through baptism as we symbolically “bury” the "old man" sin of false doctrines and lawlessness which led to death. Now the penalty of death (2nd death) is removed. By putting away the old way of life or old leavening symbolizing the sin of arrogance, pride, division and envy out of our life and “feasting” seven days on Christ’s teachings, the “True Bread of Life”; and the “True Bread of perfection”, we

begin to take on the "new man" or the "new leaven" or the very Nature of Jesus Christ and we begin to "put on" the attitude of a humble, willing, obedient servant of God as He makes us in His image, Ephesians 4:22-24.

Say – Now repented and cleansed of sin, Pentecost pictures receiving God's spirit, which is what gives us salvation and the promise of eternal life and a part in the first smaller Spiritual Harvest or first resurrection and He calls us the "sons of God" as in a family relationship, Romans 8:9, 14, 23, Ephesians 1:13, 14, Revelation 20:6. God's spirit is what gives His "firstfruits" the power to overcome Satan and sin as we live in this world. God gives His spirit only to those who obey Him.

Say - The Spring Holy Days are symbolic of being "sealed" or "ratified" in a marriage covenant relationship for we are "espoused" to Christ if we "hold fast" to the end. God tells us, Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me (hear me out). ²For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy (Christ gave His life for His people): for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" 2 Corinthians 11:1-2.

Say - In the fall of the year at "Harvest Time", picturing the "end of the world (age)" Matthew 13:39, come the remaining annual Holy Feast Days which picture the REWARD time for God's people, His "firstfruits"! The annual Holy Day called the Memorial of the Blowing of Trumpets or the Feast of Trumpets symbolizes the "last trump" announcing the return of Jesus Christ to this earth and the first resurrection of the "dead in Christ and those that are His at His coming (all of His firstfruits to eternal life), I Corinthians 15:50-52, I Thessalonians 4:17, Matthew 24:31, Revelation 20:6 (see "[God's Holy Feast Days, Feast of Trumpets, part 1](#) and [2](#)"). The first resurrection is the smaller of the two "Harvests" Exodus 23:16, Luke 12:32, Revelation 14:4.

Say - This trumpet blast signifies the moment God's people will be changed or "born again" to spirit beings (immortal-unable to die) for the Bible says, "we shall be like Him and He is spirit" and thus the purpose or goal of God's "firstfruits", His Bride, will be accomplished, I John 3:2, John 3:6, 4:24.

Say – The next Holy Day is the Day of Atonement (see "[God's Holy Feast Days, Day of Atonement](#)"). It is a fast day not a feast or eating day. The Day of Atonement is the most solemn annual Sabbath day and symbolizes a time the entire world will be cleansed of sin as God removes Satan, the author of sin and deception from the earth.

Finally the prophesied Kingdom of God will be established on the earth, Isaiah 11:9, Ezekiel 47, Revelation 11:15, 20:1-3, Zechariah 14:4, 9.

Say – The next Holy Day is the 7-day Feast of Tabernacles (see "[God's Holy Feast Days, Feast of Tabernacles](#)") which pictures the long awaited Kingdom of God and the 1000 year reign of Christ known as the millennium, Revelation 20:4. Finally a time of peace for the entire world as God, with justice and mercy, enforces His law from Jerusalem; the law which was established at creation. The Bible says “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord” Isaiah 11:9. Included in this knowledge will be made known the “Path of life” revealed in God’s Holy Days and all will be observing them, Zechariah 14:16.

Say – At the end of the 1000 years is the 7th annual Holy Day, called The Last Great Day (called the 8th day in the Old Testament, Leviticus 23:36) picturing the 2nd resurrection, Revelation 20:5 (see "[God's Holy Feast Days, Last Great Day](#)"). This is the second greater “Spiritual Harvest” and is referred to as the “Great white throne judgment” Revelation 20:11-15. This Holy Day pictures a time when anyone from the time of Adam and Eve who died not knowing the truth of God will be resurrected and with the deception of Satan removed, will be given the opportunity for salvation for the very first time as they answer God’s call to come to Him and repent, be baptized and receive His spirit and receive eternal life as He makes them in His image, John 7:37, 38, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Revelation 20:5.

Say - For now God’s people follow the “strait and narrow” way which leads to life, overcoming sin as Christ did even unto death as we live out daily with repentant hearts the "path of life" set before us through God’s Holy Feast Days and walk in obedience not disobedience to God’s holy righteous laws which "...brings us to Christ" Matthew 7:14, Galatians 3:24.

Say - For, the Bible says, “He that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations” and “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” Revelation 3:21.

Say – As God’s people cherish their calling, let’s continue to tell the world and "proclaim" God’s Holy Feast Days by setting an example as we “stop” and “circle around” God and worship Him on His Holy Sabbath day and on His annual Feasts.

MEMORY VERSE

THESE ARE MY APPOINTED FEASTS...A STATUE FOREVER,

LEVITICUS 23:2, 44, 21, 31, 41

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

GOD'S HOLY DAYS AND SATAN'S DECEPTION

FROM SATAN THERE IS A GREAT DECEPTION, A LIE, IN THE WORLD TODAY;

IT IS GOD'S HOLY FEAST DAYS OR SABBATHS ARE JEWISH AND DONE AWAY IS WHAT THEY SAY.

BUT THE BIBLE TELLS US DIFFERENTLY, THAT THESE ARE GOD'S HOLY APPOINTED FEASTS;

THAT HIS HOLY DAYS WILL LAST FOREVER, WITHOUT END, IS WHAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE. LEVITICUS 23:21, 31, 41

GOD WANTS US TO PROCLAIM HIS HOLY DAYS AND SOMEDAY THE WORLD WILL LEARN HIS WAYS;

FOR HIS HOLY DAYS SHOW GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION AND THE PURPOSE OF MANKIND.

GOD'S HOLY DAYS ARE ATTACHED TO THE HARVESTS IN THE SPRINGTIME AND THE FALL;

EXCEPT FOR THE WEEKLY SABBATH, WHEN WE MEMORIALIZE THEM ALL.

PASSOVER, DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD AND PENTECOST PICTURE REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING GOD'S SPIRIT;

THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS, ATONEMENT, AND THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES PICTURE THE FIRST RESURRECTION AND SETTING UP GOD'S KINGDOM AND WITH HIM, WE SHALL REIGN.

THE LAST GREAT DAY PICTURES THE SECOND RESURRECTION WHEN THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL LEARN THE TRUTH OF GOD;

GOD WILL SAY, "THIS IS THE WAY, WALK THEREIN" AS HE GATHERS THEM IN HIS ARMS WITH HIS GREAT LOVE. By B. R. B.

THESE ARE MY APPOINTED FEASTS
LEVITICUS 23:2