

February 23 Questions

- 1) Regulations for the priests and Israel's annual feasts. God placed _____ restrictions on the priests because of their special ministry. The high priest had the strictest rules of all due to his unique role. These restrictions were a reminder to the priests of the _____ they had to serve in God's holy Tabernacle. Their role required greater ritual holiness not only so they could draw near to God, but also so they could _____ to the people how much God valued _____. The holiness of the priest's lives—both ritually and morally—was to be a symbol of God's own holiness. God gave a physical illustration of this by prohibiting any priest with a _____ from offering sacrifices. This was not meant as an insult; rather, it showed the necessity of _____ for those who would enter God's presence. Such perfection is fully realized in the person of _____, and through Him, we have access today into God's glorious presence! Annual festivals played a major role in Israel's culture, for God established _____ national holidays for remembrance, celebration, fellowship and worship. These holidays differed greatly from the surrounding nations in that they were times of honoring God, not occasions of moral _____. This teaches us that the way we rest, refresh and entertain ourselves should _____ God's holiness and _____ to our love for Him. It also shows us that although God encourages reflection and confession, He seems to favor _____ (five joyous feasts to two solemn ones). God encourages us to be joyful!

Appointed Feasts/ Holy Convocations	Purpose	Takeaway
Passover	Remember Israel's deliverance from God's wrath	Jesus died in my place so I would not have to suffer the wrath of God
Unleavened Bread	Remember Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt	Jesus died so I might live a pure and holy life, separated from all sin
First Fruits	Celebrate God's harvest blessing	Jesus is the first fruits of the resurrection, and I am raised with Him to newness of life
Pentecost (Weeks)	Celebrate God's harvest blessing	Jesus gives me the Holy Spirit, who leads me to fulfill all the Law requires
Trumpets	Solemn time of preparation for Day of Atonement. A call to introspection and repentance	Jesus knows my works and calls me to faithfulness and obedience
Day of Atonement	Cleanse all the people of their sins. Cleanse the Tabernacle of ritual impurity.	Jesus has atoned for all my sin with His once-for-all sacrifice
Tabernacles (Booths)	Commemorate journey from Egypt to Canaan. Celebrate God's harvest blessing.	Jesus tabernacled with men so that He might redeem me from sin