

## Feasts for the Road

Exodus 23:14-17

*"Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me."* [Exodus 23:17]

*"Blessed are those who have set their hearts on pilgrimage"* [5, NIV]

### I. The three feasts

#### A. The Feast of \_\_\_\_\_ Bread

1. This feast is linked to Passover

a. It directly follows the Passover

b. It commemorates the \_\_\_\_\_ flight from Egypt

c. It celebrates redemption

*"Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of \_\_\_\_\_"*

[Exodus 13:3]

2. Leaven (\_\_\_\_\_) symbolizes growth

A neutral term: usually connected to the spread of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

When the Israelites celebrated this feast, they \_\_\_\_\_ the yeast out of their homes

#### B. The Feast of \_\_\_\_\_

1. Also called the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Also called the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_

*"The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God."* [Exodus 23:19]

3. Also called the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_

*"The word of the truth, the gospel....is bearing fruit"* [Colossians 1:5-6]

#### C. The Feast of \_\_\_\_\_

Seven months after Passover, when all the crops were gathered in

Also called the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_

Kept alive the memory of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_

### II. The theological basis of these feasts

A. \_\_\_\_\_

Celebration of God's bountiful provision

B. \_\_\_\_\_

*"With the Lord is plenteous redemption"* [Psalm 103:7]

*"You shall remember that you were a \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt...."* [Deuteronomy 16:12]

Jesus saved His people out of Egypt! [Jude 5]

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### III. The purposes of these feasts

“Doctrine gives us the plot to our lives”

The first and last apologetic: a group of people who love the truth and live it

A. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

B. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

C. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

*“Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.”* [Exodus 5:1]

D. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

They help to keep what matters most on the front burner

E. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ us when we have lost our way – it is deliberate memory

The feasts of are like having three \_\_\_\_\_!

F. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

*“None shall appear before me empty-handed”* [Exodus 23:15b]

G. The feasts are oases of \_\_\_\_\_

The joy of creation and redemption – the joy we can know this spring!