

Series: #4

*“The Blessing of Harvest”*

## **“Covenant”**

Genesis 8:22

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**Series Review**

**Harvest**

**Webster Definition:** \* Latin: To pluck / To gather

\* Greek [karpos] fruit

1. The season for gathering in agricultural crops
2. The act or process of gathering in a crop
3. A mature crop (as of grain or fruit)
4. To yield - the quantity of a natural product gathered in a single season
5. An accumulated store or productive result

Exodus 23: 14

“Three times you shall keep a feast **to ME** in the year”

**Three Times you shall feast**

**Feast:** The term feasts in Hebrew literally means *“appointed times”*  
*[There are times – appointed times of Harvest according the Gods Word]*

**1. Feast of the Unleavened Bread**

\* On that Passover the sinless unleavened - *Jesus* the *'Bread of Heaven'* was revealed as that long awaited perfect sacrifice for sin

\* We need to daily keep the Leaven out of our lives

**2. Feast of the Harvest [Feast of Pentecost]**

\* **Celebrated the early Harvest** / Symbolizes Jesus giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit that inaugurated the New Covenant and Church Age

\* We need to constantly realize how important Pentecost is to the Church

### **3. Feast of Ingathering [Feast of Tabernacles]**

\* Represents the Final Harvest when all nations will share in the joy and blessings of God's Kingdom. During that time, all believers will celebrate this feast!

\* They celebrated the Ingathering of the Harvest and It all pointed to the Blessings and Provision of God!

#### **Exodus 23: 16**

**"And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field; and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field"**

#### **Feast of Ingathering / Feast of Tabernacles**

**Jewish calendar - Tishri 15-22**

**Gregorian Calendar - September/October**

**Fall - Fall Feast**

#### **Scripture**

Leviticus 23:39

II Chronicles 8:13

Ezra 3:4

Zechariah 14:16

#### **Significance**

\* Tabernacles speaks of the day when the Son of God will tabernacle among men, wipe away every tear

\* Besides the construction of the booths, this feast also included the ingathering of the labor of the field (**Exodus 23:16**)

\* The ingathering of the threshing floor and winepress (**Deuteronomy 16:13**)

\* The ingathering of the fruit of the earth (**Leviticus 23:39**)

**Simply:** This was to acknowledge God's *faithfulness* in *providing* for His people

**Glory to the Lord He is Faithful to provide**

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Now again let me say that this all is based on Gods Spoken Word of Promise and established “Seed and Harvest Covenant” – Gods Seed and Harvest Principle – SEED and HARVEST is Gods DNA!

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### **Illustration**

[Deacon Nick Chalos’s Garden Records]

30 original bean seeds  
12 replacement bean seeds  
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42, but let’s say:

**45 bean seeds were sown**

I counted the total number of bean pods picked on two different days.

One days total was 281 and the other days was over 260.

So, the average is  $281 + 260 = 541 / 2 \sim = 270$  BEAN PODS per mess.

After sampling some pods, I discovered that there were:

**14 beans per pod**

270 pods x 14 beans per pod = **3,780 BEANS per mess.**

**28 July – September 22** = 31 + 22 + 4 = 77 days

Picked every day for 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of the season  $\sim =$  51 days

Picked every other day for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the season  $\sim = 26 / 2 =$  13 days

The total number of days I picked beans was  $51 + 13 = 64$  days.

**3,780** beans per mess x 64 days of harvesting = **241,920 beans**

**241,920 beans harvested / 45 beans planted**  
**5,376-fold increase in beans**

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“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease”

\* God simply tells us that there are SEED TIMES

\* Simply God has given us Specific Times to Plant Seed

\* And God tells us that for every seed that IS PLANTED / There WILL BE A HARVEST! - Food, finances, Decedents...!

Genesis 22:17

“That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies...”

Genesis 26:4

“And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...”

\* Now get hold of this – IN THY SEED – that is the place All the nations of the earth be blessed

\* This promise was to Isaac the son [SEED] of Abraham – [Somebody say SEED and HARVEST]

**So you see here the Seed Covenant that God gave unto Abraham**

**Isaac in the midst of Jealousy and Enemies as he dug up the water wells that his father Abraham had dug was reminded:**

Genesis 26:24

“And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake”

\* SEED TIME AND HARVEST TIME

\* THE LORD appeared to Isaac and reminded him that HE was the God of Abraham his earthly father and because of that I am with YOU and I WILL BLESS YOU and I WILL MULTIPLY THY SEE

\* BECAUSE I MADE A SEED COVENANT.

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\* SEED AND HARVEST – THIS IS A COVENANT

What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the earth HE has created?

When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

What does "COVENANT" mean?

- \* A covenant is a special sort of agreement, or contract.
- \* Let's say that you and your friends agree to go fishing next Wednesday.

Is that a Covenant?

- \* No, that's just an agreement.
- \* If Bob or Brad did not show up, you'll be disappointed, but that's all.

But let's say that you and your friends agree to go fishing every Wednesday for the rest of your lives, and that your children will have to do this all their lives, and anyone who doesn't show up will have to pay \$5 to the ones that do.

That is more like a covenant--except that you don't have the authority to make that covenant.

- \* In a covenant, you *bind yourself* and all those under your authority to do something.
- \* God never asked Isaac whether he wanted to be in the covenant. Because God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac was a part of that covenant whether he wanted to or not as long as he held up the covenant

## You may say, but that's not fair!

- \* Shouldn't I get to decide whether I am in the covenant or not?!
- \* Can I say that you can decide whether you want to live under the blessing of the covenant but just because you do not agree to or follow the covenant does not negate it because it was set in place by God who by the way is unchangeable, infallible and inerrant

Adam [man-kind] sinned thousands of years ago--and yet that sin has brought all of us into a covenant with death

- \* It didn't start that way
- \* God entered into a covenant of life with Adam.
- \* If Adam had obeyed, and walked in covenant with God, then all of his posterity, all of his descendants, would have lived forever in eternal blessedness.

## Why?

Because of the SEED and HARVEST COVENANT God set at the foundations of the Earth – A SEED SOWN WILL REAP A HARVEST

## YOU SEE THE COVENANT IS ABOUT LIFE

- \* ETERNAL LIFE
- \* THE COVENANT OF LIFE WAS ABOUT ADAM'S [Man-Kinds] INHERITANCE as a son of God – a child of God

## Genesis 1: 26 – 30

“And God [Singular] said, Let us [Plural] make man in our [Plural Image] image, after our [Plural in allusion to a triune God Head / Community of one] likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. [God / Husband / Wife [three as in the image of the God Head as in God Community]

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”

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**\* SEED and Harvest Covenant**

**Psalm 127: 3**

**“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and *the fruit of the womb is his reward*”**

**\* Seed and Harvest Covenant**

**Illustration**

**\* Luke Liveoak**

**\* 11 year old that passed away**

**\* Luke was born with a muscle disease, He could not stand, walk, run or even roll in his bed but he never complained.**

**\* The Lord spoke to me Seed and Harvest at his funeral**

**\* Testimony at his funeral**

**\* Dad sent me copies of letters Luke had written, he found them in Luke’s closet after his death.**

**\* His father wrote and said that the words were meaningful because not only did he write them he lived them.**

**1. What is Courage?****Courage**

**The strength from God that enables you to endure any trial or danger.**

**God Loves Courage**

**Deuteronomy 3: 16**

**“Be strong and of good courage do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the one who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you”**

***\* At the Bottom of the Page He writes: Did you know the sun and the lion means courage.***

## **2. Determination**

### **Determination**

**Firm decision not to quit but to go on, regardless of opposition.**

### **Luke 9: 62**

**“But Jesus said to him. No one having put his hands to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”**

## **3. Contentment**

### **Contentment**

**An uncomplaining acceptance of your circumstance, realizing God will provide everything you need to adjust to such circumstances”**

### **1 Timothy 6: 6**

**“Now godliness with contentment is great gain”**

## **4. Dependability**

### **Dependability**

**Being reliable and trustworthy to do what you say you will do.**

### **Luke 14: 27**

**“And whoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple”**

## **5. Confidence**

### **Confidence**

**Assurance that God is with you in whatever you do or say”**

### **Philippians 4: 13**

**“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”**

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## 6. Creativity

### Creativity

Meeting our needs, difficulty or problem from a different point of view”

### Luke 12: 48

“...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more”

## 7. Consistence

### Consistence

Not wavering but reminding those no matter what the circumstances

### 1 Corinthians 15: 58

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord”

## 8. Convictions

### Convictions

The developing of firm beliefs, based on bible principles which will not change no matter what the circumstances.

### Titus 2: 12

“ Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age”

These my friends are eight reasons why we need to celebrate the Blessing of Harvest

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**Titus 2: 11-15**

**“11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age”**

**13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

**14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

**15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority.**

**Let no man despise thee.**

**\* Its all about Jesus Christ the Seed of Salvation**

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**Today we have come to Acknowledge God's Faithfulness in providing for us!**

**Today we are coming before the Lord during the time of Celebration**

**THE HARVEST!**

**Today we come forth to proclaim the Seed and Harvest Covenant to our city!**

**Today I have given you handouts to pray over and remind you of the Seed and Harvest Covenant.**

**\* I also cast you a continuance of the Vision of this House**

**\* Our commitment to the Generations**

**Lets prepare for this years Harvest Blessing Offering.**