

Day Two

LEVITICUS 23:9-11



God had promised to give His people a land of their own. And the place He would give them was absolutely incredible with fertile lands. When they farmed the land, their crops would be abundant as a reflection of God's blessings on them. In response, they were to give to God the first bundle of grain they harvested as an expression of their gratitude. Further, this offering was a way of their acknowledging that all they had came from God. Finally, devoting this one bundle of grain to God represented their commitment to use the rest of what God had supplied for His purposes.

- **What has God called you to give back to Him in a "firstfruits" manner?**
- **How does what you give to God represent your gratitude, your trust in His provision, and that you use all you have to honor Him?**

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Scripture teaches that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins (Heb. 9:22). This principle was clear from the time sin entered the world. God sacrificed animals to cover the shame of Adam and Eve, Abel offered the firstborn of his flock, and God later called His people to offer sacrifices in obedience to the law. Only days before, Jews would have offered a lamb at the Passover, but here again at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, they were to sacrifice another lamb to God. Because the firstfruits were a recognizing of God's providing all we have, this lamb specifically pointed to the fact that God would provide the lamb for the forgiveness of sin. Many people have tried to work for their salvation. However, this is impossible, and the truth is that the only answer for our sin is provided by God Himself.

- **How do you know that all you have is provided by God?**
- **Why is it so important that we understand only God can provide the answer for sin?**