

Day Four

LEVITICUS 23:13

Aside from the sheaf of barley, the Israelites were to offer a lamb, as well as grain and drink offerings. The grain offering was a loaf of bread made from barley, and the drink offering was wine. These were both offered upon the altar, and as they were burned, their aroma ascended as a pleasing aroma to the Lord. When Jesus' body was broken and His blood poured out on the cross, it was a sacrifice which was most pleasing to God. And today, we're called not only to partake of the body and blood of Christ through the Lord's Supper, but at all times in remembrance of what the Lord has done for us. The bread and wine were, for the Jew, a reminder of God's provision and a foretelling of what Jesus would accomplish on the cross. Today, they help us to remember all the ways God has, through Jesus, provided for our needs.

➤ **What do the bread and wine symbolize?**

➤ **How do you live every day in remembrance of what Jesus has done for you?**

Day Five

LEVITICUS 23:14



These firstfruits offered to God were only a small portion of the abundance of grain the Israelites would harvest in the coming months. And this celebration was something they were called to practice for generations—forever, in fact. When Jesus died and was raised from the dead, Paul said that He was “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:20). Just like the first bundle of grain was representative of many more to follow, Jesus' resurrection guarantees that God will bless His people with many resurrections to follow. So whenever we give thanks to God for the abundance of blessings He provides, we need to remember that one day He will bless us by raising us from this life and into heaven where we will live with Him, blessed forever.

➤ **Why does God call us to give our first and best to Him?**

➤ **How is Jesus' resurrection a guarantee of more to come?**