

The Day of Pentecost

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Leviticus 23:15, Acts 2.

B. Pentecost was the commemoration of the harvest. At the apostle's Pentecost Jesus began his great harvest of souls.

II. The offering of the wave loaves.

A. Jesus turned barley sheaves and turned them into a whole loaf at Pentecost. (1 Corinthians 10)

B. The church is a bunch of individuals who have come into one identity.

III. The sin offering was made.

A. The disciples were to wait for the Spirit.

B. While they waited the disciples probably prayed about their unworthiness, the task and dealing with sin.

IV. The firstfruits were offered to him.

V. They were to do no work during this time and all were required to be there. The church of Christ is puny because we have lost all concept of putting time with God first.

VI. They were to include all. There was a concern for those on the doorstep.

VII. Symbolic preparation.

A. Any church is sunk without a sound from heaven.

B. There is a burning work of the Spirit that starts with the church and makes it beautiful to those outside.

C. The works of God were spoken intelligently in every language symbolizing that the church is going to have to go out to harvest souls in the languages of the nations.

D. The fullness of the Spirit is for everybody not merely a few.

Application questions:

1. How do the loaves illustrate the church?

2. How would you evaluate your time with God? What can you do to maximize it? Explain.

3. What does it mean to experience a sound from heaven? Why is it important?
