

# **We Have Been Invited to Appear Before Our God!**

## **Exodus 23:13-17**

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### **Scripture**

<sup>13</sup> “And in all that I have said to you, be circumspect and make no mention of the name of other gods, nor let it be heard from your mouth.

<sup>14</sup> “Three times you shall keep a feast to Me in the year:

<sup>15</sup> You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (you shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty);

<sup>16</sup> and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in *the fruit of your labors* from the field.

<sup>17</sup> “Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

### **Introduction**

- Psalm 95 shows an example of people who were invited to God’s presence but missed it because of not coming to Him in the right way
- Exodus is a book of salvation
- God never takes us out of to leave us; He takes us out of to bring us into!
- God knows just when we need Him, and He calls us to Him at these times
- Our enemies are only distractions because God is greater (I John 4: 4; Romans 8: 31)
- Our obedience will cause God to avenge disobedience (II Corinthians 10: 5-6)
- How then shall we appear before the Lord?

### **Point of Application 1**

Exodus 23: 13

***At all times we must exalt the name of our God!***

- There is only one God! (Joshua 23)

### **Point of Application 2**

Exodus 23: 14-16

***What’s important to God must now become important to us!***

- When we do this we experience what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard and no mind can ever think (I Corinthians 2: 9)

### **Point of Application 3**

Exodus 23: 17

***We must now follow the instructions to the highest degree!***

- When we are obedient our faith rises and allows us to expect even more...when we disobey our faith decreases
- What’s next for the obedient ones is MORE!

### **Prophetic Note**

This moment has been designed for a new breed of leaders to come appear before their God...go before Him at all available times!