

When to Celebrate God

I. Review

- Celebrating God and worshipping God are identical ideas.
- We should celebrate God with holidays and feasts, but He must also be celebrated in silence and normalcy.

II. We should celebrate God within *all* the rhythms He created.

- God is omnipotent and omnipresent. He exists outside of time, and one of the things that makes Him God is that He has the ability to experience every moment of time at the exact same time without being overwhelmed. Needless to say, humans beings can't do that.
- Even the Christian's glorified body in the eternal state will still experience the passage of time. We can only experience one moment at a time, so it makes all the sense in the world that God created us to be tied to the seconds and minutes and hours and days in which we exist.
- **The Rhythms**
 - **Daily Rhythm** — From the very beginning of created time, God designed for the world and everything on it to function off a 24 hour period of rotating dark and light.
 - **Weekly Rhythm** — The seven day cycle of working and resting was instituted, blessed, and sanctified by God Himself during the very first week of time. God decided that our days would join together — not in a never ending string of individual units but as a rotating collection of seven day increments. And — within those weeks — God has specific ways He wants us worshipping Him.
 - **Monthly Rhythm** — Genesis 7:11; Exodus 12 God has always wanted His people observing certain monthly celebrations. These distinctions in time are not useful human creations in order to codify our existence. God created and subsequently taught man to understand and use the daily, weekly, and monthly rhythm's He hardwired into creation. It's in the movement of the celestial bodies, it's even in the movement of our very cells.
 - **Seasonal Rhythms** — Ecclesiastes 3 The Celebration of God has four main seasons that correspond to the four meteorological seasons.
 - **Annual Rhythms**
 - **Septennial Rhythms** — Every word of every book of the Bible is instructive and necessary for God's people. That means that — that if nothing else — we have things to learn, and if God went through all that trouble to talk about the significant rhythms He built into the very fabric of the cosmos, then we're definitely going to have to grapple with those ideas as we participate in our own Year Long Celebration of God.

III. Conclusion

- God commands our worship *every day in every way*. God commands that we celebrate Him to the best of our ability in the big, corporate festivals and feasts as we do in the small, private acts devotion where we reverence His will above our own.
- So, whatever it is you're doing right now — it needs to please Him just as much as a septennial celebration of the year of Jubilee.
- Easter is no more important than any other Sunday of the year. Saturday is no more important than Monday. The scarcity or the normalcy of the celebration doesn't make it special . . . the fact that we're celebrating God makes it special.