

The background of the image features stylized, vertical flames in shades of orange, red, and yellow against a dark, almost black, background. The flames are elongated and have a soft, ethereal quality, typical of Pentecost imagery.

PENTECOST

## ACTS 2:1-4

**When the day of Pentecost came,**  
**they were all together in one place.**

**Suddenly a sound like the blowing  
of a violent wind came from heaven and  
filled the whole house where they were sitting.**

**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire  
that separated and came to rest on each of them.**

**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other tongues  
as the Spirit enabled them.**



## ACTS 2:16-21

***“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.***

***“Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.***

***“And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”***

# EXODUS 23

**14** *“Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.*

**15** *“Celebrate the **Festival of Unleavened Bread**; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt. No one is to appear before me empty-handed.*

**16** *“Celebrate the **Festival of Harvest** with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the **Festival of Ingathering** at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.”*

# THE THREE PILGRIMAGE FESTIVALS

<i>FESTIVAL</i>	<i>HEBREW NAME</i>	<i>WE KNOW IT AS ...</i>
<b>PASSOVER FESTIVAL/ FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD</b>	<b>PESACH</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>FESTIVAL OF HARVEST FEAST OF WEEKS</b>	<b>SHAVUOT</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
<b>FESTIVAL OF INGATHERING/ FEAST OF TABERNACLES</b>	<b>SUKKOT</b>	<b>ACTUAL BIRTHDAY OF CHRIST?</b>

# EXODUS 23

**17** *“Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord.*

**18** *“Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast. The fat of my festival offerings must not be kept until morning.*

**19** *“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God. Do not cook a young goat in its mother’s milk.”*

# SHAVUOT: TIME OF HARVEST

*After the waiting, the reaping.*

*After the sowing, the firstfruits.*

*After the exodus, the Law.*

*After the Saviour, the Spirit.*



# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 1. A PEOPLE OF UNITY

**EXODUS 23:17** *“Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord.”*



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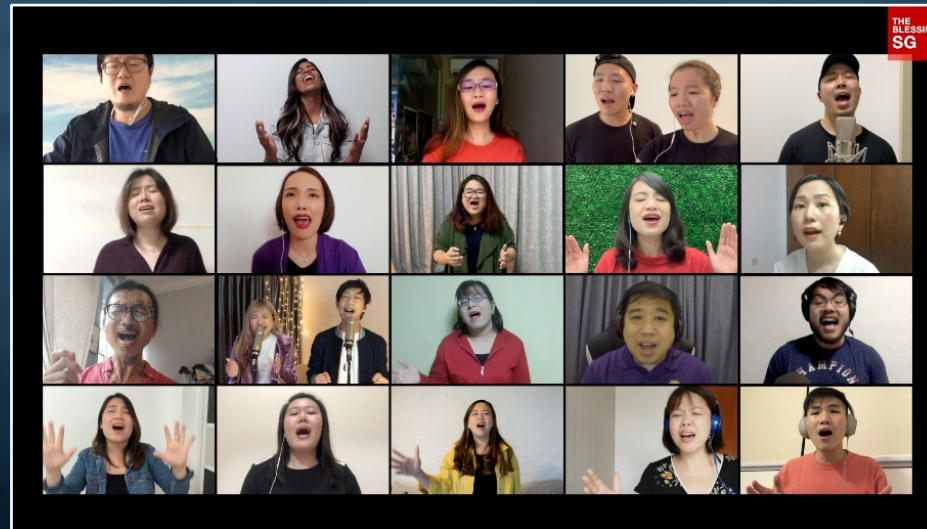
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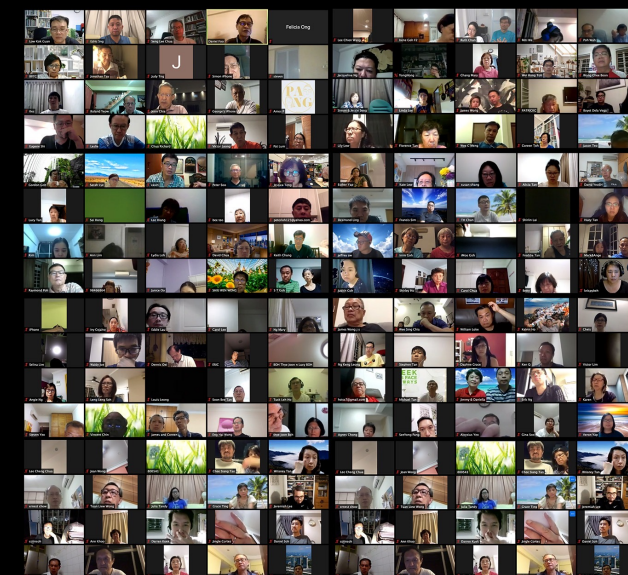
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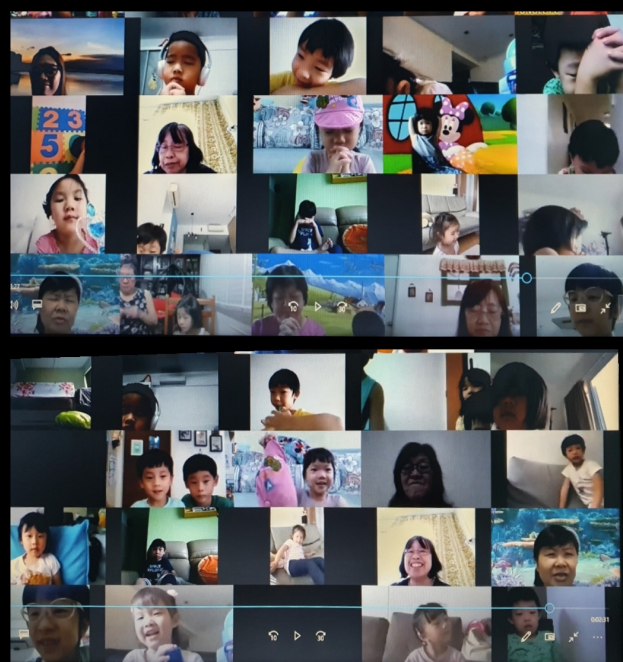
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# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 2. A PEOPLE OF HOLINESS

**EXODUS 23:18** *“Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast. The fat of my festival offerings must not be kept until morning.”*

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:21** *“You cannot drink from the cup of demons and still drink from the Lord's cup.”*

**LEVITICUS 10:10** *“You must distinguish between the holy and the unholy, the clean and the unclean.”*

# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

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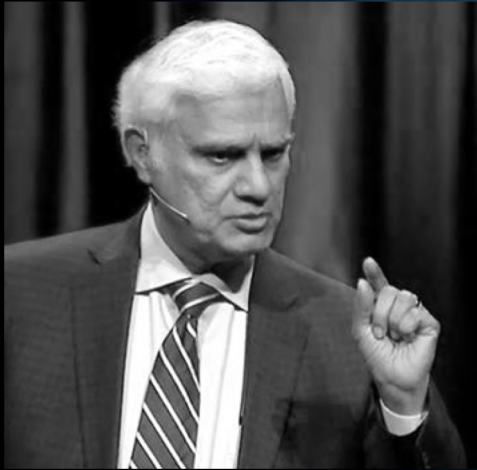
**MATTHEW 5:48**

*“Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy.”*

**1 CORINTHIANS 5:6** *“Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?”*

# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 2. A PEOPLE OF HOLINESS



***“We all want Canaan  
without going through  
the wilderness.”***

– RAVI ZACHARIAS (1946-2020)

# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 2. A PEOPLE OF HOLINESS

### HORIZONTAL: EMOTIONAL STATE

VERTICAL AXIS: RATE YOUR  
WALK WITH GOD (5 = BEST)

	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Q8: (no label): Worst1	0.76% 6	1.50
Q8: (no label): 2	4.19% 33	2.85
Q8: (no label): 3	37.48% 295	3.35
Q8: (no label): 4	45.74% 360	3.84
Q8: (no label): Best5	11.82% 93	4.33

### HORIZONTAL: ANXIETY LEVELS

VERTICAL AXIS: RATE YOUR  
WALK WITH GOD (5 = BEST)

	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Q8: (no label): Worst1	0.76% 6	2.34
Q8: (no label): 2	4.19% 33	3.52
Q8: (no label): 3	37.48% 295	3.37
Q8: (no label): 4	45.74% 360	3.86
Q8: (no label): Best5	11.82% 93	3.90



# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 2. A PEOPLE OF HOLINESS

*We can't let ourselves be a people of **compromise**. We can't let ourselves be **part-time or good-time Christians**.*

*We can't want Canaan but refuse to go through the wilderness to get there.*

***We need to be a people pursuing holiness.***

# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 3. A PEOPLE OF GRATITUDE

**EXODUS 23:19** *“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.”*

**FIRSTFRUITS = “BIKKURIM”**  
**= “THE PROMISE TO COME”**

**ROMANS 8:23** *“...Ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit ...”*

# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 3. A PEOPLE OF GRATITUDE



CHARLES  
SPURGEON  
1834-1892

***“Present possession is declared. At this present moment we have the firstfruits of the Spirit.***

***“We have repentance, that gem of the first water; faith, that priceless pearl; hope, the heavenly emerald; and love, the glorious ruby. We are already made ‘new creatures in Christ Jesus’, by the effectual working of God the Holy Ghost.***

***“This is called the firstfruit because it comes first.”***

# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

## 3. A PEOPLE OF GRATITUDE



CHARLES  
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***“As the wave-sheaf was the first of the harvest, so the spiritual life, and all the graces which adorn that life, are the first operations of the Spirit of God in our souls.***

***“The firstfruits were the pledge of the harvest. As soon as the Israelite had plucked the first handful of ripe ears, he looked forward with glad anticipation to the time when the wain should creak beneath the sheaves.***

***“So, brethren, when God gives us things which are pure, lovely, and of good report, as the work of the Holy Spirit, these are to us the prognostics of the coming glory.”***



# POSTURE FOR THE FEAST

**1. A PEOPLE OF *UNITY***

**2. A PEOPLE OF *HOLINESS***

**3. A PEOPLE OF *GRATITUDE***

# DEUTERONOMY 16:9-12

- 9** *“Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.*
- 10** *Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you.*
- 11** *Rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, the Levites in your towns, and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows living among you.*
- 12** *Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees.*



## ACTS 1:12-14

*“Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives ...*

*When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. ...*

***They all joined together constantly in prayer,**  
along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus,  
and with his brothers.*

## ACTS 2:1

*When the day of Pentecost came,  
**they were all together in one place.***

## LUKE 24:49

*Jesus said: "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; **but stay in the city** until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

## ACTS 1:4-5

*"Do not leave Jerusalem, **but wait for the gift** my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."*

HOLINESS



## LUKE 24:51-53

*While Jesus was blessing them,  
he left them and was taken up into heaven.*

*Then they worshipped him and  
**returned to Jerusalem with great joy.***

*They stayed continually at the temple, praising God.*

## ACTS 2:26-28 (QUOTING PSALM 16)

***“Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,  
...You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.”***

The background of the entire image is a close-up, high-contrast photograph of flames. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with dark, smoky areas in between, creating a dramatic and intense visual effect. The flames appear to be rising and dancing, filling the frame.

AFTER OUR SEASON IN  
THE UPPER ROOM, ARE  
WE READY FOR A FRESH  
ENCOUNTER WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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