

Firstfruits Offering

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1. Lev 23:9-14, Deut 26:1-10

- Firstfruits offering refers to the first portion of the harvest that is given to God
- It illustrates thanksgiving from a grateful heart to our Creator
- It signifies faith and hope in God of the greater harvest to follow

2. Prov 3:9-10

- Honour the Lord with all that we have
- And with the firstfruits of all our increase
- God promises abundant provision

3. 1 Cor 15:20

- The firstfruits offering found its fulfillment in Jesus
- Jesus rose from the dead on the very same day as the firstfruits offering feast in the Old Testament
- Jesus' resurrection has paved the way for our resurrection to follow

4. 2 Cor 8:1-9

- Our first and best firstfruits offering is the giving of ourselves
- Love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength
- Christian giving is always by grace, not by compulsion

5. 2 Cor 9:6-7

- The law of sowing and reaping
- Give freely, willingly and cheerfully
- God loves a cheerful giver

Meditations

1. What is God saying to you personally today?
2. Do you fully appreciate what Jesus has done for you?
3. Have you first given yourself totally to Him?