

GOD'S SAVING ACTS ARE THE CORE

Introduction – The actions of God for the salvation and creation of Israel are the core of their faith and practices.

Deuteronomy 26:4-11

- A. The three mandatory festivals for Israel are based on the remembrance of the mighty acts of God for their salvation.
 1. The Passover is a remembrance of the night God struck Egypt and forced Pharaoh to set the Jews free.
 2. The Festival of First Fruits celebrates God's gift of the land of Canaan.
 3. The Festival of Tabernacles celebrates their preservation in the wilderness before giving them a permanent home.
- B. The Sabbath Day was a weekly rest and remembrance of God's creational and salvation purposes.

Exodus 20:8-11

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

- C. Humans have a tendency to forget how they got where they are today. It is continued remembrance of God's saving actions that keep a people faithful and free.

Psalms 78:1-8

Conclusion – Memorial Day is supposed to remember the blood sacrifices of Americans to preserve our freedom and assisting others to become free from tyranny. We forget the past at great risk.