The abundance of blessing dominates

D. Remember how time is apportioned: 23:23-25

The thought ties in nicely with Psalm 90 and Ecclesiastes 12:1

E. Remember the joy of atonement: 23:26-32

Many of these subjects tie together and there is some repetition of ideal....that is not bad because we forget too easily and anything that keeps basic truth in view is important to us.

F. Remember how God cared and provided for all under the most difficult circumstances. 23:34

It is so easy to become thankless. but on any special day one should be given to thanksgiving and rejoicing.

The foregoing are the "feasts of the Lord" although I have not used all the technical names. They move through the year and helped the people to keep a calendar of thankfulness. A good idea for us...and when you have a special day---remember the Lord.

V. Message # 4.....The Levitical Priesthood...Leviticus 8-10, etc.

In the Old Testament the priesthood was given to the family of Levi. Every member of the family was a "levite" but not all were priests. However anyone who was a legitimate priest belonged to that family. Reading about it may not seem exciting but it will give us some idea of what God expects in those who serve Him. The following material is in broad form but the hope is that you can follow on my narrow discussions,.

- A. The selection and the institution: 8-10
 - 1. The preparation for service.
 - 2. The serious nature of the service.
 - 3. The ongoing order.
- B. Some details for the priesthood
 - 1. The dietary code...Leviticus 11...not only a priestly note!