

## Administering The Lord's Supper, Isaiah 25:6-9, A Long-Awaited Feast

We enjoy a fellowship meal today.

The Lord's Supper is small for a supper, small for a meal. A small piece of plain bread and small cup of wine. A visitor could ask – where is the rest of it? The Lord says that the rest of it is coming! The Lord's Supper is large with meaning. The Lord's Supper is a large promise. It is a promise of future fellowship meal when the rest of the food will be served. The best part is that it is a promise to people who had broken their promises, and lost their way.

*“(v.6)...On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

*(v.7) And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*(v.8) He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken....*

*(v.9) It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.  
This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”*

Even though God's people did wrong things and broke the covenant, God did not change his intention to bless them. In these verses, Isaiah showed how God promised blessings to His sinning people.

This meal is described as a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine.

Fine food loses its charm if you have to eat alone.

God promised a feast for all people.

We love gatherings of people to eat together. Rarely do we get the opportunity to feast with all the people we love. We are scattered, sometimes because a loved one is far away, sometimes because a loved one has passed away. But in this passage, God even promised to take away death, which separates us, and that God Himself will wipe away the tears from all faces!

God promised to rescue us from our worst enemy – death. Death separates families and casts a shadow over our lives. But Jesus Christ endured that death in our place. Jesus arose, never to die again. And God will raise us and all of God's children from the dead. One day, we will be reunited forever with the whole body of Christ. No one sending their regrets, no remaining sorrow on that day! All that will be left is life, and resurrection life, and abounding joy in God's presence. The amazing beauty of that fellowship meal is beyond our grasp.

Banquets are only grand if everyone is there, and everything is going well. God will gather all of us. Everyone will be there – every believer from all ages of history and from all nations on earth, will be there in the glory of the resurrection. Everything will be going well. God will fulfill every covenant promise. We will give Him the praise that is due to Him. The Lord will comfort us. Our joy will flow from the Father's joy, and we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

We eat and drink today in the sure confidence that soon we will eat and drink with all of the children of God in our Father's kingdom.