

A Table for Two

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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God welcomes His guests to a feast. He invites His believers to dine with Him. In the same way that God sent Manna to the Israelites in the wilderness (Exo. 16:15), He will also supply our needs today. Let us call God non-stop because He is always listening (Jer. 33:3; Mt. 7:7).

1. How do we enter the table prepared by God?

- 1.1. **Relationship.** King David was so confident about His relationship with God, that He prepared everything for their date, "Come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. . . receive His mercy" (Heb. 4:16).
- 1.2. **The Invitation.** God chooses us, and appoints us to bear fruit that will last (Jn. 15:16). The kingdom of heaven is like the king who invited people to a wedding feast, but was refused (Mt.22:1-4). Every time we pray is an opportunity to talk with the King of kings.
- 1.3. **The Gracious Host.** God attended to David's every need. He was protected from all enemies and assured of blessings (Ps. 23). Who is our Host?
 - 1.3.1. **Jehovah- Rapha.** When we talk to Him, let us tell Him our pains for His healing.
 - 1.3.2. **Jehovah-Shammah.** He will not leave us; He is always protecting us.
 - 1.3.3. **Jehovah-Jireh.** He knows our needs even before we pray.
 - 1.3.4. **Jehovah-Nissi.** He is our Commander-in-Chief. When we are fighting a battle, watch God fight for us (Mt. 10:19).
 - 1.3.5. **Jehovah Raah.** He is in control. When the Lord assigns us, He will enable/equip/direct us. His invitation is special.
- 1.4. **The Preparation.** God spends time in preparation. He puts a lot of love in the preparation. God is a perfect God and a God of order. He will give us the living water that refreshes.
 - 1.4.1. God has prepared many blessings for us on the table. When we are close to God, His glory will shine on us. People will

see the great favors of God in our lives. If we dine with Him everyday, the enemies will just be watching in awe (Jn. 10:10).

2. The table is synonymous with a feast.

- 2.1 The table provides nourishment (Mt. 4:4). God's Word is more precious than gold.
- 2.2 The table provides a place of acceptance. David was called and stayed there. God does not want us to do things that are not His will.
- 2.3 The table provides a sense of security. God provides something for our children to eat. It provides an abundance (Ps. 23).
- 2.4 The table provides protection. He will prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies. They can not touch us.
- 2.5 The table provides a place of fellowship. When we sit around the table, it is not just to eat. God wants us to have a fellowship with Him-listening to Him, more than talking to Him.

3. How do we approach the Table for two?

- 3.1 With hunger (Mt. 4:4, 1 Pet. 2:2). Hunger for His Word and thirsty for spiritual milk.
- 3.2 With Intention. Let us value the moment of being alone with Him (Mk. 1:35). Sing worship songs during prayer time.
- 3.3 Enter with praise and thanksgiving (Ps. 100:4). Worship opens the way to the table. Express how much we love and appreciate Him. Be quiet, be still, know that He is God (Mk. 6:31).
- 3.4 Take the time to savor the table's delights. Meditate on the word, day and night (Josh.1:8)

Conclusion: Let us avail of the privilege of being with the Lord (Eph.3). Those who are very close to God, talking to Him and serving Him, shall not lack nor want.

Reflection: How is your relationship with God? Are you allowing quiet time with Him? How much do you spend time talking versus listening to Him?

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