

Consummation - Holistic

Meant for More // Week 8

Isaiah 25:1-9

1. In verse 1, Isaiah the prophet praises God for acting to fulfill His plan. What examples can you think of that Isaiah might have meant? Other examples from the Bible? Has the Lord ever done this in your life?
2. In verses 2-3, Isaiah praises God for some pretty surprising things – permanently destroying cities, for example. If these were enemies of God, what does that tell you about them? Why might this be good news?
3. What are some of the enemies of God today?
4. In verses 4-5, we read about the Lord's action on behalf of those in need. When you read the word pictures here, what do you learn about your God?
5. What are some of the ways you (university students, couples, parents, families, etc.) are in need? How do you need the Lord to act on your behalf?
6. Eating together is a communion that ties people together socially. Many of us will be doing this in a few weeks at Thanksgiving celebrations. The Pharisees accused Jesus in the New Testament, saying, "This man receives sinners *and eats with them.*" What significance is there for you that the Lord Almighty is preparing this feast for you (v.6)? What about the feast show how He views you and what His feelings about you seem to be?
7. We also read about God eating with His people many times, including on Mt. Sinai at the beginning of God's Covenant with His people, and in the book of Revelation at the fulfillment of it. How does the Communion that we share every Sunday remind you of these Biblical examples?
8. Verse 8 is a deeply comforting message in the midst of death and tears, and at all times. Why is this?

9. In the sermon on Sunday, we heard about “living into” the hope that we have because of Jesus. If we will one day speak the words of verse 9, how does that change the living of our lives today?