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Isaiah 25:6–9 The Lord's banquet

The provisions of God in this life are a small foretaste of what awaits believers. A glorious day is coming when all God's people will be gathered around God's table in his everlasting house, and there no enemy will be present to offer a single snarl.

25:6. God's deliverance of His people in the kingdom is pictured as a banquet feast on the mountain of the LORD Almighty. Mountains are often symbolising of governmental authority (e.g., Dan. 2:44–45), but here the mountain probably refers to Jerusalem (Mount Zion) from which the Messiah will rule in the kingdom.

(Rev 22:3b) The throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve Him. Food will be provided for all peoples, which once again stresses God's kingdom's worldwide extent over those who believe. This means that people in all areas of the world will be saved. The best of meats and the finest of wines picture God's ability to supply the needs of His people during that time. However, Isaiah spoke of a future time when (after God's worldwide judgment) His people in Israel and other nations will feast together in peace and prosperity.

25:7–8. Death, pictured as a shroud and a sheet, the covering placed over a dead body, will be swallowed up or done away with. This will mean that tears of grief caused by the separation of the dead from the living also will be a thing of the past. This removal of Death and wiping away of tears will take place at the end of the 1,000-year reign of Christ (Rev. 21:4), when Death, Satan, and hell will be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14) and the new heavens and new earth established (Rev. 21:1–3). Elsewhere the first and second comings of Christ are seen together (9:6–7; 61:1–3). The certainty of future prosperity and joy and the absence of Death would encourage Judah in Isaiah's day to trust in the LORD and not lose heart. And the same holds for believers of today.

25:9. In that day (cf. 24:21), the day when the believing remnant will be delivered, they will affirm their trust in the Lord, who saved them. In response, they will say, let us rejoice and be glad in the salvation He provided.

As believers, we are looking forward to the banquet of the Lord, as mentioned in Isaiah 25:6-9, but more than that, we should be looking forward to our Lord's return even more. (Rev 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done). Our Saviour commanded us to keep on working and making disciples as we journey through our lives. If

we have been busy making disciples, we will not only be looking forward to the Lord's banquet but also to the reward that He promised to His faithful servants. (Eph 2:10b) We have been created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. May He give us the grace to live and work for Him.

Happy Easter.

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Standing on The Promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Saviour;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

