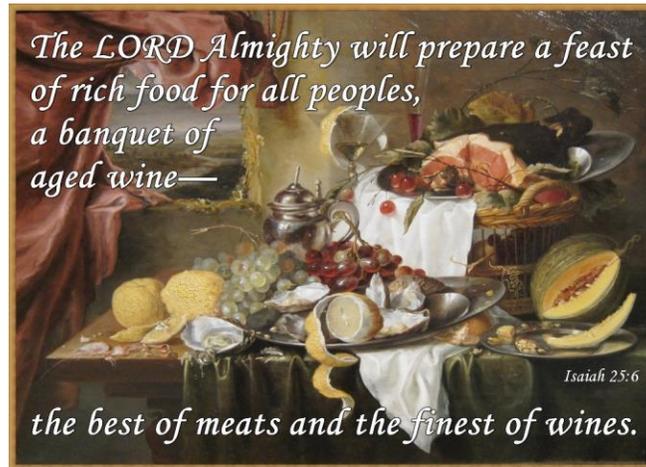


FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY SEEN PROPHETICALLY
UNIT ONE – HUMBLING OURSELVES BEFORE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

**“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN... ‘THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD IS HERE’”**



Sunday School Lesson No. II– September 11, 2016
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Lesson Text: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Required Reading: Isaiah 25:1–12

Motto Text: Isaiah 25:8 (NLT), *“He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign LORD will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The LORD has spoken!”*

Reliable Resources: Standard Lesson Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Logos Bible Software; Preacher’s Commentary

INTRODUCTION

The Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator (Introduction) states: “Mountains are an important geographical feature of the land of Palestine. Stretching southward from the northern Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon ranges, the “hill country” of Galilee, Ephraim, and Judah forms the backbone of the land of Canaan. A more rugged range runs along the eastern side of the Jordan from Mount Hermon southward through Gilead, Moab, and Edom.

Many biblical events, therefore, occurred in a mountainous setting. Abraham took Isaac to Mount Moriah, expecting to offer him up there. The Lord gave Israel the Law at Mount Sinai. Moses viewed the Promised Land from Mount Nebo in Moab. Mounts Ebal and Gerizim became the site of Israel’s covenant renewal under Joshua. Saul was defeated and killed at Mount Gilboa, and David established his capital on Mount Zion.

Mountains symbolize permanence, stability, and authority. It is thus appropriate that God’s final sovereignty be manifested on a mountain.” Beloved, with such thoughts in mind let us **“Go tell it on the Mountain...‘The Presence of the Lord is Here.’”**

Anticipated Power Points:

- **The Praise of the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:1-5**
- **The Provisions for the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:6**
- **The Prize of the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:7-8**
- **The Pleasure of the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:9-10**

SETTING

Isaiah summed up the great destruction of God upon the nations of the world for their rebellion and rejection towards Him, His people and His Son. A day of deliverance is now prepared! (Note: Chapters 13 – 24 describes the woes!) But praise God for the transformation that speaks of the coming joys for redeemed Israel and Gentiles.

As one considers Isaiah 25-27, hope rises and swells in the hearts of the redeemed and rescued. "...these chapters foretell more than judgment; they announce the culmination of God's salvation for those who trust Him. The previously poor and downtrodden will enjoy the justice of which they were long deprived and will thrive under the rule of the righteous King. The earth will be renewed, and death itself will be abolished." (UGP Expositor and Illuminator)

LESSON OUTLINE

"Go Tell It On the Mountain... 'The Presence of the Lord Is Here'"

I. The Praise of the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:1-5

"Verses 1-5 comprise a hymn, including a confession of faith (v. 1), praising God for delivering His people from oppression (Isa. 24). Only God can break oppression and end bondages imposed by the evil one." (Precepts for Living)

II. The Provisions for the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:6

"The Lord provided comfort for His people with provisions that required divine power to accomplish. The first promise is that of a great feast, demonstrating that the Lord would abundantly provide for His people. Food and celebration provide a powerful illustration of the peace, prosperity, and success God's people were sure to enjoy in the future." (UGP Expositor and Illuminator). Beloved, the Lord knows how to provide at the highest level. One writer simply put it this way... "This will not be economy class food but rather the best and finest available."

III. The Prize of the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:7-8

This great feat will be the death of Death! "No matter how happy our lives here may be, we know an end is coming. We fight death with antibiotics, exercise, and surgeries...But we still die. At a future time, God will announce that He is swallowing up death. God's followers realize, however, that Jesus won victory over death at His resurrection (I Cor. 15:54-57)." Beloved, what a blessing that, according to this verse, God will literally wipe our individual tears away. Beloved, what God takes away will never return! Psalm 56:8 says, "*Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?*"

Beloved, God's redemptive future has no pain, death, or anything that will bring tears. Revelation 21:4, "*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*" What a great prize to all who would feast and enjoy the feast and fellowship on Mt. Zion with the Lord.

IV. The Pleasure of the Redeemed Multitude. Isaiah 25:9-10

Beloved, the songwriter declares, "*The presence of the Lord is here.*" Truly, this will be the shout of the Redeemed of every generation. It will be a time of great singing and shouting from the table of the Lord! Isaiah lifts a great shout on behalf of Israel for God's faithfulness to His people, who sometimes wavered. But Praise God, He's an on-time God! It will forever be a mountain of peace, joy and hope because the Lord's hand is there.

CLOSING

Beloved, in whose hand are you? "*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand – All other ground is sinking sand.*"



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