

## Good News of Great Joy – The Promised Party

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

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### The Party (Food)

a) **rich food**

Deuteronomy 8:3

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

b) **aged wine** (strong wine, wine on the lees/dregs)

c) **best of meats**

d) **finest of wines**

Psalms 34:8

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed (happy) is the man (person) who takes refuge in him.

### The Place

*On this mountain...*

Isaiah 2:2,3

<sup>2</sup>In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

### The People (Guests)

*...for all peoples...*

Luke 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

Matthew 22:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. <sup>4</sup>Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup>Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet **anyone you find.**' <sup>10</sup>So the

servants went out into the streets and **gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

Luke 13:29

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

### **The Party-Planner (The Preparer)**

***...the Lord Almighty will prepare...***

Luke 12:35-37:

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

Luke 2:10

<sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**

### **The Promiser**

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Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

1 Corinthians 15:54

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

Isaiah 54:4-5

<sup>4</sup> "Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband—the Lord Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

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Isaiah 35:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."