

Sunday Morning: May 29, 2011

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“Your Banquet Invitation”

Devotional Notes for May 29 through June 4, 2011

SUNDAY, May 29: Read Exodus 12:12-14

This day shall be for you a memorial day...

Passover was an annual reminder of God's faithfulness. This morning I told the story of how my family gathers to eat a meal each Christmas. This family tradition is a meaningful point of reference for us. What family tradition does your family have as a marker in time? How does it remind you of God's faithfulness over the years?

MONDAY, May 30: Read Psalm 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

This passage uses the metaphor of taste in regard to experiencing the Lord. How does our experience with him nourish us spiritually? Does he indeed provide for your needs as Psalm 34:9-10 states?

TUESDAY: May 31: Read Luke 22:24-30

I am among you as the one who serves.

Just after sharing in the Lord's Supper, the disciples began to dispute which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them that greatness is found in service. Even Jesus served others as an example of how we should live. How can you serve someone else today in Jesus' name?

WEDNESDAY, June 1: Read Matthew 22:1-14

Go...and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.

This parable compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast. Through this story Jesus explains that everyone is invited to the feast, but few will come. Those who refuse the king's invitation are severely punished, but those who accept enjoy fellowship with the king. Have you accepted God's invitation to the feast of heaven? If so, rest in the confidence that it is prepared for you. (1 John 5:13)

THURSDAY, June 2: Read Revelation 19:6-10

...hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.

Like the parable that you read yesterday, this passage describes a great feast in heaven. This is the messianic feast celebrating the union of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, and his pure bride, the church. In verse 10, John is commanded to worship God alone. Reflect on this picture of heavenly worship and use the words of this passage to worship God now in anticipation of the feast to come.

FRIDAY, June 3: Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Lord's Supper had become an important event in the life of the church by the time Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians. Our observance of the Lord's Supper proclaims the Lord's death until he returns. How does remembering Jesus' sacrifice bring hope for the future?

SATURDAY, June 4: Pray Isaiah 40:27-31

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

The Chi Rho Youth Choir is leaving on a mission tour this morning. I ask that you pray for our safety and our stamina during the week ahead. Pray that we will serve others in Jesus' name. Pray that we will be drawn closer to Him as we spend this week in ministry, worship, education, and recreation.

Glossary of Theological Terms:

anamnesis - actively remembering God's saving deeds *eschatology* - study of end times or last things
incarnation - the Son of God appearing in human form *messianic* - of or relating to the Messiah, Jesus Christ
ordinance - an act ordained or commanded by Christ *prolepsis* - treating a future event as already existing

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