

Dining With Jesus

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into Him and dine with him, and he with Me.

One of the more intimate pictures of Jesus and His disciples is that of the last supper. As the disciples dine with their Master, His beloved disciple, John, leans upon Him.¹ We see John as the supreme example of the Father's intimacy with all His children throughout the Gospels. The picture of the last supper illustrates this perfectly.

The Father desires that we all come together in the same level of intimacy these early disciples experienced with Jesus. The Scripture above illustrates how we are all invited to sit at His table to dine with Him. Just as John leaned upon Him, He desires us to rely upon Him daily as we receive all He has to offer as we sit and dine in His presence.

I come from a reasonably large family. There were eight of us, including our parents. We had regular mealtimes together every day of the week. As we sat around the table, we all had our spots where we sat. It was our seat at the family table. I can still remember my position at the table. Just as I had my seat at our family table, our Heavenly Father desires to give us our very own seat at His table. We enjoy intimacy with Him and the other family members from our seats at the Father's table. Here, we discover our place and function in this great family. Just as each member of my natural family had specific chores and responsibilities, so it is with the family of God.

Whether you have experienced the intimacy of a natural family or not is not necessary to be a part of our Heavenly Father's great family. God sets the solitary in families.

Psalm 68:5-6 A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. ⁶ God sets the solitary in families: He brings out those who were bound into prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

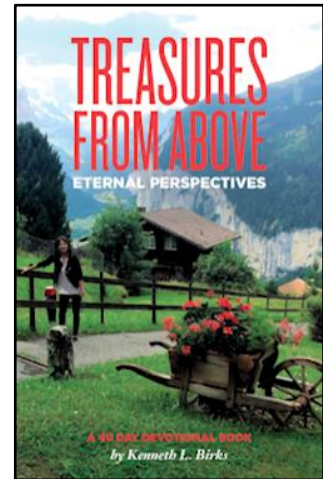
John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name.

We must never forget that God, the Father, seats and arranges us around His table. He is intimately acquainted with all our ways and knows those we need to be seated with. He knows what our gifts and talents are and what it takes for them to come to fruition.

1 Corinthians 12:18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He has pleased.

From the place or position, the Father placed us in; we minister one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. As we faithfully and continually minister from this position, regardless of our season, He continuously supplies and provides for our needs from His treasure house.

Psalm 36:8 They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.



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¹ John 13:23

Prayer

Father, as I come into Your presence today, I desire to dine with You and receive all You have for me as I go about my day. Help me keep my mind on You as I drink from the river of Your pleasures. Help me be open to the opportunities that come my way, and help me be a good steward of Your manifold grace.

Dining at the Father's Table

Unformed, our days were fashioned when nonexistent.
Filled with questions, we search concerning existence.
With exquisite food set, the Father invites us to His table.
Coming into His presence, we ponder where to recline.
With answers to His mysteries, He fills us while we dine.

Responding to His invitation, we rejoice exceedingly in glee.
Finding our place, nourished, and encouraged, He sets us free.
Saved according to His purposes, we freely go in His Name.
Embracing the cross, dying to self, we welcome His will.
Like flames of fire, He empowers, ministering to fulfill.

With gifts discovered, He reveals deeper levels of perceptions.
Intimately acquainted with our ways, the Father positions.
In the place fashioned by Him, He knows the gifts needed.
Seating us, accordingly, we're fitted and framed into place.
From our chosen place at the table, He sends us in His grace.

As seasons come and go, spiritual gifts unlock the future.
Creative abilities once locked open as ministries evolve.
Continuing to dine with Him, He abundantly supplies.
No longer worried about the future, we go forth in His love.
Oh, what a pleasure to continually dine at the Father's table.

Scriptures to Meditate Upon

Psalm 23:5-6, Psalm 139:3,16, Ephesians 1:17-19, Matthew 16:24, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:7, Ephesians 4:16, 1 Peter 4:10, 2 Corinthians 9:8-10, Matthew 6:25-34.

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May God bless you richly as you go forth from His table, giving out of the abundance that has been freely given to you.



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