Banquets, Suppers, and Feasts

Most of us enjoy eating good food. Here are some banquets, suppers, and feasts in the Bible and the character which brought them about.

- Abraham feeds some angels a feast of hospitality (Genesis 18).
- Joseph feeds his family a feast of kindness (Genesis 43).
- Solomon feeds all of Israel a feast of joy and gladness (1 Kings 8).
- Esther feeds Haman and the king a feast of courage (Esther 7).
- Belshazzar feeds his nobles a feast of pride (Daniel 5).
- Jesus feeds the 5,000 a feast of compassion (Matthew 14).
- A father feeds his newfound son a feast of forgiveness (Luke 15).
- A king (Jesus) feeds all who will come - a feast of salvation (Matthew 22; Luke 14).
- The Lamb (Jesus) feeds his bride a feast of reward (Revelation 19).

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- Scripture of the Week -

"Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" - Acts 3:19

Just as the good Lord gives us the season of springtime, he gives us seasons of refreshing from a dead life of sin when we repent and turn to him.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Faithful in All Things

Women in like manner must be grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things

- 1 Timothy 3:11 -

Are You Faithful in All Things?

God wants us to be faithful (trustworthy) at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances. Faithfulness (being dependable and trustworthy) is a fruit of the Spirit that we are to bear in our life (Galatians 5:22).

Some Christians are like Joseph (Genesis 39:8-12) and Daniel (Daniel 6:4). They will not compromise under any circumstance. But others, unfortunately, are not faithful at all times.

Not Faithful in All Things

Some Christians are not faithful at all times, but instead they cannot be trusted to do what is right under certain circumstances. Some are like ...

- The Israelites who made an idol while Moses was gone (Exodus 32:23) and the Israelites who sinned when their judge died (Judges 2:19).
- King Joash who sinned after Jehoida

died (2 Chronicles 24:17-19).

- Peter who denied Jesus under pressure (Mark 14:66-72).
- The Galatian churches who compromised when Paul was not around (Galatians 1:6; 3:1).

Faithful in All Things

It is good for all of us to mature and discipline ourselves to be faithful and trustworthy at all times. It is good for...

- Children to learn to be obedient even when they are not watched by their parents (Ephesians 6:1-4).
- Church members to learn to be obedient even when they are not watched by the elders (Hebrews 13:17) or by other Christians (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- Christians throughout the brotherhood to learn to be faithful even though they are not preached to by faithful preachers (2 Timothy 4:6).
- Employees to learn to stay busy working even thought they are not watched by their employer (Ephesians 6:5).

 Citizens to learn to follow the law even though they are not watched by law enforcement (1 Peter 2:13).

How to Be Faithful in All Things

- Read God's word, watch and pray at all times (Psalm 119:30; Luke 21:36; Ephesians 6:18).
- Be urgent and active at all times (2 Timothy 4:2).
- Don't live just for the moment; look beyond the present to the reward of being faithful in the future (Hebrews 11:25).
- Know that God sees us at all times even when man doesn't see us Proverbs 15:3).
- Practice being trustworthy in small things throughout the day (Luke 16:10-12; 19:17).
- Serve God at all times, not man (Galatians 1:10).
- Develop deep, inward character that does not change with outward circumstances (Daniel 1:8; Acts 11:23).
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