

The Most Lavish Feast

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 25:1-9

“Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.”
Isaiah 25:9 —

Have you heard of Kobe beef? It comes from Japan and makes for the most expensive steaks in the world—more than \$250 for an eight-ounce serving. But this hefty price pales in comparison to three bottles of 1869 vintage wine that sold for a record \$230,000 each at an auction in Hong Kong!

I doubt that many of us will ever feast on a Kobe beef steak or 19th-century wines. Personally, I am not too worried about that. But I do hope we will see each other at a great banquet described by the prophet Isaiah. This is a special feast that is yet to happen. The Lord will gather his people from all over the world. The best cuts of meat and aged wines will be served. Something tells me those steaks and wines will be much better than the most coveted foods of today.

What’s the reason for this lavish celebration? It’s the sovereign Lord’s victory over death, the complete elimination of all mourning and suffering.

We know that on the cross Jesus dealt a mortal blow to death. Because of that, we know we can lean on him as we face this last enemy. Our physical death cannot break our relationship with the life-giving Savior. We are with Christ in death. And, amazingly, we can look forward to Christ’s banquet table, where we will celebrate God’s complete victory over death and evil.

Prayer

Father, thank you for saving us. As your people, we are under your care, waiting for the wonderful banquet celebrating your victory. What a celebration that will be! Amen.

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