

Isaiah 25:6-8

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow,
of aged wine well refined.*

*And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD*

will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people

*he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.*

The kind reception of repentant sinners, is often in the New Testament likened to a feast. The guests invited are all people, Gentiles as well as Jews. There is that in the gospel which strengthens and makes glad the heart, and is fit for those who are under convictions of sin, and mourning for it. There is a veil spread over all nations, for all sat in darkness. But this veil the Lord will destroy, by the light of his gospel shining in the world, and the power of his Spirit opening men's eyes to receive it. He will raise those to spiritual life who were long dead in trespasses and sins. Christ will himself, in his resurrection, triumph over death. Grief shall be banished; there shall be perfect and endless joy. Those that mourn for sin shall be comforted. Those who suffer for Christ shall have consolations. But in the joys of heaven, and not short of them, will fully be brought to pass this saying, God shall wipe away all tears. The hope of this should now do away over-sorrow, all weeping that hinders sowing. Sometimes, in this world God takes away the reproach of his people from among men; however, it will be done fully at the great day. Let us patiently bear sorrow and shame now; both will be done away shortly. - *Matthew Henry, MHCC*