

The Lord's Supper Is Meant to Enjoy God's Presence
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One of the great things in Scripture is that we eat before God. This is beautiful because eating is such a lowly activity. It is connected with our body and our bodily functions in a way that hardly anything else is, for what we eat becomes our body. It highlights the fact that the whole man was made by God and is accepted by God. Francis Schaeffer

God Enjoys and Commands Man to Eat in His Presence

It started in the Garden (Gen 2:8-9) with Adam and Eve, continued with Abraham and was memorialized through Moses in the Passover (Ex 12-13) and 2 other feasts (Ex 23:14). Specifically, it preceded the giving of the first covenant (Ex 24:9-11).

There should be no surprise that Jesus used the Passover meal to inaugurate the new covenant (Lk 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25) and to memorialize His death and return (1 Cor 11:26). In fact His return will be celebrated by a meal called the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9).

How Does God Want Us to Enjoy His Supper?

1. It should rejoice our hearts that God has [invited and adorned us](#) to be with Him. (Matt 22:1-14)

Caution: **Be Dressed!**

2. It should rejoice our hearts that God has [reserved places for us](#) to be with Him. (Matt 25:1-13)

Caution: **Be Ready!**

3. It should rejoice our hearts that God has [desired fellowship for us](#) to be with Him. (Rev 3:20)

Caution: **Open the Door!**