

Title: The Father's House
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Haggai 2:9

The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 23:5-6

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Exodus 24:11 (NLT)

And though these nobles of Israel gazed upon God, he did not destroy them. In fact, they ate a **covenant meal, eating and drinking in his presence!**

Matthew 18:5 (AMP)

And whoever **receives** and **accepts** and **welcomes one little child** like this for My sake and in My name receives and accepts and welcomes Me.

Hebrew 13:2

Do not neglect to show **hospitality** to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

THE FIVE ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

Invitation to get a CHRIST encounter

Preparation – the SPACE encounter

Reception – the HUMAN factor

Celebration – the VALUE encounter

Presentation – the HEART encounter

INVITATION—to a CHRIST encounter

Luke 14:16-17 (NLT)

16 Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and **sent out many invitations**.

17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘**Come, the banquet is ready.**’

Luke 14:23

And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and **compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.**

Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

Then Jesus said, “**Come to me**, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and **I will give you rest.**’

PREPARATION—the SPACE encounter

John 14:2-3 (ESV)

2 In my **Father's house are many rooms**. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to **prepare a place** for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what **God has prepared** for those who love him.”

RECEPTION—the HUMAN factor

Romans 15:7 (AMP)

Welcome and **receive** [to your hearts] **one another**, then, even as Christ has welcomed and received you, for the glory of God.

Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, **I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.**”

Luke 7:36-40; 44-46 (ESV)

36 A Pharisee **invited Jesus** to have **dinner** with him, and Jesus went to his house and sat down to eat.

39 When the Pharisee saw this, he said to himself, "If this man really were a prophet, he would know who this woman is who is touching him; he would know what kind of sinful life she lives!"

Luke 7:36-40; 44-46 (ESV)

44 Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? **I came into your home, and you gave me no water** for my feet, but **she has washed my feet** with her tears and dried them with her hair.

45 **You did not welcome me** with a kiss, but she has not stopped kissing my feet since I came.

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CELEBRATION—the VALUE encounter

Matthew 10:40-42 (ESV)

40 "**Whoever welcomes you welcomes me**; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

41 Whoever welcomes God's messenger because he is God's messenger, will **share in his reward**. And whoever welcomes a good man because he is good, will share in his reward.

42 You can be sure that **whoever gives even a drink** of cold water **to one of the least of these my followers** because he is my follower, will certainly receive a reward."

PRESENTATION—the HEART encounter

Nehemiah 12:43 (ESV)

And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, **for God had made them rejoice with great joy**; the women and children also rejoiced. **And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.**

John 21:12-13, 15 (ESV)

12 Jesus said to them, "**Come and have breakfast.**" Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the **bread** and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

Matthew 5:13-14

13 "**You are the salt of the earth**, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 "**You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:56

Whoever feeds on my flesh and **drinks my blood** abides in me, and I in him.

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