**R896 (83)\_Rumination for Mar. 27, 2022**

The **T**heme: **Eat and Drink** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext*: they saw God, and did* ***eat and drink*.** Exo. 24:11

The **T**hots:

1. **they saw God and did eat and drink Exo. 24:11**
2. Moses, Aaron, his two older sons, and the 70 elders ***Saw God.***  24:1, 11a
	1. We know no one could **S**ee God and live.
		1. *He* *said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.* Exo. 33:20
		2. **Yet** *the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.* Exo. 33:11
		3. *No* *man hath seen God at any time;*

 *the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.* Jn. 1:18

* 1. But they **S**aw God.
		1. They “saw” **G**od and all His **G**lory – *And they saw the God of Israel:* Exo. 24:10a
		2. They **D**iscerned His **S**plendour and the **S**ight of the **S**apphire pavement under His feet. Cf. Eze. 1:26

 *Under His feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone,*

 *like the very heaven for clearness.* 24:10b, NRSV

* + 1. As Moses saw **G**od in all His **G**raciousness. Exo. 33:19-23

 [I *will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy*

 *Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.*] 33:19, 20

* + - Moses had a **D**iscernment of His **G**oodness.33:19a
		- Moses heard a **D**eclaration of **G**od’s Name. 33:19b
		- Moses had a **D**emure **G**limpse of God’s back as He passed by. 33:22, 23

 *And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I … will cover thee with My hand*

 *while I pass by: and I will take away Mine hand, and thou shalt see My back parts:*

 *but My face shall not be seen.*

1. Moses, Aaron, his two older sons, and the 70 elders *saw God, and did eat and drink.* 24:1, 11b
	1. Earlier, the people had **C**ovenanted with God to obey Him. 24:3
	2. Moses set up twelve pillars to **C**ommemorate the occasion. 24:4
	3. An altar was **C**onstructed and offerings were given. 24:4, 5
	4. The sprinkled blood on the people **C**onstituted the sign of their covenant with God. 24:6-8
	5. They then **C**limbed up the mountain to “see” God. 24:9, 10

 Thus, they ***saw God, and did eat and drink***. 24:11

1. They saw God and ***ate and drank.***  24:1, 11b

 It was their way of **C**onfirming and ratifying the **C**ovenant.

* 1. As with Isaac and Abimelech, etc.: *They said…Let there be now an oath betwixt us,* Gen. 26:28-30

 *even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee…*

 *And he made them a feast, and* ***they did eat and drink****.*

* 1. As with Jacob and Laban Gen. 31:50b-54

 *God is witness betwixt me and thee…This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness …*

 *The God of Abraham... judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.*

 *Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren* ***to eat bread****:*

 *and* ***they did eat bread****.*

* 1. As with Jesus and His disciples[See #B. below]Mt. 26:26, 27

 *And as they were eating, Jesus took* ***bread****, and blessed it, and brake it,*

 *and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take,* ***eat****; this is My body.*

 *And He took the* ***cup****, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,* ***Drink*** *ye all of it*

*. Cf. "This cup is the new* ***covenant*** *in My blood, which is poured out for you.* Lk. 22:20, NIV

1. **We eat and drink, but we may not see the Lord!**
2. Moses, Aaron, his two older sons, and the 70 elders **Saw God *and did eat and drink***. Exo. 24:11
3. We **eat and drink**, but it may be that **we do not see the Lord**, though we see many other things!
4. Let us remember our Covenant with Him to Remember Him as we **eat and drink** this day. I Cor. 11:25, 26

*In the same way…He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new* ***covenant*** *in My* ***blood****;*

*do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For whenever you* ***eat*** *this bread* ***and drink*** *this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

*Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen;*

*Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.*

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God; Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;*

*Here would I lay aside each earthly load; Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven*. H. Bonar

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 896**

1. **Luke 12:15-21** – **P**arable of the **P**rosperous **P**lanter and his **P**lentiful **P**ossessions.
2. He was a **P**lanter - *The ground of a certain rich man*
3. He was **P**rosperous - *a certain rich man*
4. He had **P**lentiful **P**ossessions – *consisteth…in the abundance of the things which he possesseth…The ground…brought forth plentifully:*
5. His **P**resent **P**roblem:

*What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?*

1. His **P**lans: *This* ***will I*** *do:* ***I will*** *pull down my barns, and build greater;*

 *and there* ***will I*** *bestow all my fruits and my goods.*

1. His **P**ersonal **P**leasure: *And* ***I will*** *say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for*

 *many years; take thine ease,* ***eat, drink****, and be merry.*

1. His **P**rospects:
2. He was not **P**repared:

*But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee:*

1. His **P**roperty would be taken away from him; thus his **P**roblem:

*then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*

1. His **P**rovision is for whom then?

*then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*

Go over the main events in the life of this prosperous rich man. Would you consider him as a self-made man, reaping the fruits of his hard work and about to enjoy the fruits of his labour where he will take his ease in life indulging in all that he has acquired and accomplished.

He would *eat and drink* and be merry, enjoying the pleasures of life as far as he can ever envisage while he was working very hard to acquire all these luxuries.

However, there is one thing he has not factored in in his plans to enjoy his future life. He is not the one to control his future. God IS! And God decided to cut short his life! Now what would happen to all his ambitious plans? Would he be able to enjoy the fruits of his labour that has taken him many hardworking years to build up? No, all these will just vanish into thin air, like what apostle James wrote:

**James 4:13-14 (NKJV) –**
*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow.* *For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.*

How have been living out your life?

* *Drinking and eating* out of necessity to live a life strong and healthy

to serve your living God and to share your blessings with those around you?

* Or *Drinking and eating* in self-indulgence to live a life of luxury thinking that you have control of your life to live long, enjoy and indulge in all that you have acquired, achieved and accomplished with the world at your feet and not caring for what will happen to you after life?
* Remember: *For what is your life?*

 *It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away;*

Heb. 9:27, NKJV – *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.*

 **REFLECT**

1. Have you been keeping the Lord’s command to His disciples to *eat and drink* at His Supper as often as you can? – I Cor. 11:24-25 (NKJV), *When He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take,* ***eat****; this is My body which is broken for you;* ***do this in remembrance of Me****."*

*In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you* ***drink*** *it, in remembrance of Me."* **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

*Eat, Drink and Be Merry, for tomorrow we die. Is this a good philosophy of Life?*