**R980 Rumination for Nov. 05, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **THE SUPPER** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat* ***the Lord's supper****.* I Cor. 11:20

The **T**hots:

Intro.: “*supper*” has different **C**onnotations according to the **C**ustoms and **C**ultures of the **C**ountries **C**oncerned.

It may refer to the **C**ommon noon or evening meal. However, among the Jews, Greeks, and Romans, ***supper*** (Gk. *deipnon*,) referred to the main meal of the day, which was **E**aten at or toward **E**vening and often **E**xtended into the night (e.g., [Luke 14:16-17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A16-17); [John 12:2-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+12%3A2-4); etc.).

In the New Testament, three Suppers are mentioned, viz.

1. **The Lord’s Supper. I Cor. 11:20**

*When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat* ***the Lord's Supper.***

1. Its **D**efinition:Gk. *Kuriakon* *deipnon* – the **O**nly **O**ccurrence in the New Testament.
2. The **C**ontext in the **C**orinthian **C**hurch;
3. Its **C**orruption by believers in the **C**hurch – I Cor. 11:20

*When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.*

1. Their **C**ensure: They had turned it into self-indulgent, gluttonous, and even drunken revelry –

*For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.*

*What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.* I Cor. 11:21-22

1. Its **D**ifference from **The Lord’s Table** –

It is a **C**ommunity of the Lord’s **C**hurch gathered together for **C**ommunion: I Cor. 10:16f

1. Positive**ly**: *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?*

*The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

*For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread*.

1. Negative**ly**: *Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils:*

 *ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.* I Cor. 10:21

1. Its **D**ivine Institution. 1 Cor. 11:23-25
2. From the Lord:

*For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said,* *Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

*After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

1. By the Lord: Lk. 22:17-19

 *And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves…*

 *And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying,*

 *This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

1. Its **D**iscerning **P**reparation to avoid **D**rinking **D**amnation.: I Cor. 11:28-29 *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.*

***D****iscerning the Lord’s Body* – what it means:

1. *Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.* I Cor. 11:24
2. *The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?* I Cor. 10:16
3. The **D**isciples’ **P**ractice:
4. *They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in* ***breaking of bread****…*Acts 2:42
5. *And* ***upon the first day of the week****, when the disciples came together to break bread…* Acts 20:7
6. ***As often*** *as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come*. I Cor. 11:26
7. **The Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:9a**

*And Me saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto* ***the marriage supper of the Lamb****.*

[See Reflections for the Week on the next page.]

1. **The Supper of the Great God. Rev. 19:17**

*And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto* ***the supper of the Great God.***

[See Reflections for the Week on the next page.]

*See, the feast of love is spread, Drink the wine, and break the bread;*

*Sweet memorials, till the Lord Calls us round His heavenly board;*

 *Some from earth, from glory some Severed only, Till He come.* E.H.Bickersteth, Jr.

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2. **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:6-10, 9a**

 *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let* *us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for* ***the marriage of the Lamb is come****, and His wife hath made herself ready.*

 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me,*

 *Write,* ***Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb****.*

 *And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him.*

 *And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

1. The **P**erson of the Bride: The Church II Cor. 11:22

*I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

1. The **P**reparation/**P**urification of the Bride:

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

*That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.* Eph. 5:25-27

1. The **P**resentation and Marriage of the Bride. Rev. 19:7-9

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen – clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

1. The **P**arties Invited to the Wedding Supper –

Angels and the Old Testament Saints Distinct from the Bride! Rev. 19:9

*And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto* ***the marriage supper of the Lamb.***

* Will you be Present at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb as His Bride,

or Guest or you will not be invited at all? **REFLECT**

1. **–**
2. **The Supper of the Great God. Rev. 19:17**-21
3. The Invita**tion** to the Battle Field:

*And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto* ***the supper of the great God.***

1. The **D**evastation in the Battle Field:

*That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*

1. The **D**estruction in the Battle field:

*And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army.*

1. Their Final **D**estination *–* The Lake of Fire (Hell)

*And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

*And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

* Is what is going on in the Israel-Hamas War today a Prophetic Premonition of the Supper of out Great God to come? **REFLECT.**

**Points To Ponder:** *A certain* ***m****an* ***m****ade a great supper, and bade* ***m****any:* (Lk. 14:16-23)

The Lord **E**xtends His invitation to you to His Gospel Supper. Will you accept it

 or make **E**xcuses not to?