

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, - Hebrews 12:1 [KJV]

- lay aside all encumbrance.
- lay aside your needs and problems
- lay aside your self worth and importance
- lay aside all things that can offend deflate your inflated ego

You can't serve until you lay some things aside. You can't serve until you lay self aside. You can't serve until you

lay aside the feeling of self importance and self worth. You must lay yourself aside as Christ did. He laid himself aside, forgot who he was and began to wash the feet of his disciples. This is a job reserved for the slaves. This is the time to minister to others. Rise up from the dinner table and begin to minister to other people. Start using your gifts, talents, resources, time... To serve others

■ **Greatness is reserved for the servants Can you Serve?**

Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over

my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. - 2 Samuel 7:8-9 [KJV]

This is not the only place where God referred to David as his servant. Psalm 89:20 While all his brothers sat around the supper table, David abandoned himself to service in the wilderness. And that is where the anointing located him. That is where kingship located him. The same blessing will be yours as you set yourself to serve.



# FEAST

## OF FAT THINGS

And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things... Isaiah 25:6 (KJV)

## ■ Saved to serve - Dr Theo Ajadi



This message is intended to stir, challenge and motivate you to be about the business of our Heavenly Father. God is calling us to step out of religious formalities and routine and enter into the dynamic, spirit filled, victorious living. One beautiful thing about God is the way He teaches. In fact, Job described it this way;

Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? - Job 36:22

No one teaches like our God. He is the master teacher and the Only Wise God!

unto the end. Once Christ is stuck with you, he'll never leave you. He is like the postage stamp. He sticks with you until you get there. If you think that God will forsake you, you are greatly mistaken.

[Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. - Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)

- However, there's one more important observation. See the people Christ was having dinner with;
- Judas Iscariot who would betray him
  - Peter who was going to deny him and say of him, "I've not seen the man before" Mt.26:72
  - Thomas who would disbelieve

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he

said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. - John 20:25 (KJV)

Christ had his last dinner with men who would forsake him and run away! How do you sit down eating dinner with someone who will kill you in a few hours time? and it is not that you don't know. You are fully aware. The enemy thinks you don't know but you are fully aware! Many of us can handle friends; only few of us can handle enemies. Here Jesus taught us how to handle enemies. Take them to dinner!

**“Many of us can handle friends; only few of us can handle enemies”**

When Christ wanted to teach the disciples one of the most important lessons, he put a lot of thought and effort into it.

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. - John 13:1 (KJV)

This is one of the last lessons taught by Christ and He taught it last so they can remember it first.

■ **Having loved his own...**

It is amazing that Jesus loved his own unto the end. Even though they did not love him to the end. Having loved his own, he loved them



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The bible says;

Be not overcome with evil; but  
Overcome evil with good.  
- Romans 12:21

Learn how to disarm your enemies by  
being good to them

■ **Supper being ended...**  
He riseth from supper. [vs 2,4]

**J**esus rose from supper. There is  
time for everything. There is a  
time to be served and there is a  
time to serve. There is a time when  
you're a "supper table" christian. You  
newly gave your heart to the Lord and  
you must be served the word. However  
there's a time when God expects you to  
rise from the supper table, clad yourself  
in the work apron and begin to serve the  
purposes of God in your generation!  
The problem in our day is that many  
believers have overstayed at the supper  
table. They sit down waiting to be  
served and always wanting to be served.

■ **Characteristics of  
"supper table" christians**

1. They love to be served
2. They sit at the supper table analyzing the meal and critiquing the servants. - "oh the choir didn't deliver their best today", "oh the sermon was really good today", "oh the sermon is not so good today", "oh we've only been eating macaroni and cheese in this house for the last one month"
3. They are need-focused.
4. All their attention is on their need, their problem, their situation, their crisis, their family, their children etc. In short, "supper table" Christians are a liability to the kingdom of God. While we sit down at the supper table analyzing and criticizing the food, there is a world out there cursed by spiritual hunger. They need the bread of life. While we sit down talking and discussing our favorite preachers, there is a world out there languishing in darkness. While we sit down engrossed in religious competition, Satan is having a field day attacking, engaging and molesting our youth.

**"In short, 'supper table' Christians are a liability to the kingdom of God".**

This is the reason why you must Rise up from supper because supper is ended. This party is over! There are believers who specialize in analyzing the food being served. They are complaining about being served the same kind of food. Some believers are experts at critiquing the message preached by their pastor.

**While we sit down engrossed in religious competition, Satan is having a field day attacking, engaging and molesting our youth.**

■ **"Bless me God" association**

**T**he church of Jesus is fast becoming a "bless me God" association. We are fast becoming a generation interested more in what God can do for us; rather than what we can do for Him. 98% of the programs we organize in the church are "supper table" programs. By "Supper Table Programs" I refer to meetings that will feed the people, bless them, heal them, break their curses, prosper them, deliver them etc. These are supper based programs. Nothing is wrong with such programs but the Body of Christ will never be strong to reach the world and

advance the Kingdom of God if we focus solely on such a menu. Child of God, it is time to rise from supper. This party is over! We can't get some of you to come to church if there are no "sweets" in the menu. We can't get many of you to come to an all night service that focus mainly on praying for missionaries in India, china and North Korea. We must add some sweets to the menu. We must tell you that there will also be healing, deliverance, breakthrough, prophetic downloads etc. If it is only a prayer meeting for missionaries, then God bless their soul. Maybe the pastor and a handful will come! Others are busy criticizing the servants serving the food.

# INTERCESSORY & PROPHETIC RETREAT 2016

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*And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. - Mark.6:31*



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■ **The Supper table church**

**T**he American church is fast becoming a "supper table" church. We are pampered, spoiled and over indulged. While our Christian brothers in China, North Korea and the Arab world are literally living like dead men (because they can be caught, tortured and killed at any time), we are afraid to lose our lives. We are lingering at the supper table, waiting and wanting to be served. While our brothers live with their hearts in their mouth, we live in pleasure. They cry that they cannot win a soul; we cry because we lost a job. While they are not praying to be delivered from the situation, we get discouraged when answers to prayers are delay. They have no abundance or prosperity. They survive with little comfort and sometimes lack of food. They live as pilgrims. Men will go out and their wives aren't even sure they will see them again!

■ **Time to rise us from supper!**

**J**esus sat at meat and later rose up from supper. We are called to follow his example. There is a work to do. There are souls to be saved and there are nations to reach with the gospel. You and I have been saved to serve. We are not here to feast endlessly. Rise up from supper because this party is over! Rise up from supper and step into the higher purposes of God. Rise up from supper and get on the battle FIELD for Jesus.

**Rise up from supper and begin to serve others.**



Rise up from supper and begin to serve others. If you have tasted the goodness of Jesus and the wonderful meal he serves, then rise up from supper and go bring someone else to the table! If you have tasted and seen that The Lord is good, then rise up from supper and go out for souls. People who sit down too long at the supper table become critics and complainers. This is the time to lay aside the garments of self importance. Jesus rose from supper and laid aside his garments.