

**SAINTS ALIVE! Isaiah 25:6-9 and 26:19**

(6) *And the LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples upon this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged, wine.*

(7) *And on this mountain he will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations.*

(8) *He will swallow up death for all time. And the LORD God will wipe tears away from all faces, and he will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken.*

(9) *And it will be said on that day, "Behold this is our God for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."*

(19) *And God says: "Your dead will live; their bodies will rise, you who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy!"*

**Introduction: A grandma's favourite saying & song.....**

*Definition of a saint: A forgiven sinner*

**I. HEAVEN: THE DESTINY OF ALL GOD'S SAINTS (Isa. 25)**

- A. **The banquet: only the best (v.6)**
- B. **The battle: death swallowed up in victory (vv. 7-8a; 19; I Corinthians 15:54-57)**
- C. **The blessing: tears wiped away (v. 8b; Rev. 21:4)**
- D. **The beauty: seeing God face to face (v.9; Psalm 17:15)**

**II. HEAVEN: A GIFT FOR ALL GOD'S SAINTS**

- A. **Not earned or deserved (Ephesians 2:8-9; Ezek. 18:4)**
- B. **Free, but not cheap (Romans 6:23)**
- C. **Received through trusting faith (Isa. 25:9; Eph. 2:8)**
- D. **By our "good looks" (Isaiah 45:22; Hebrews 12:2; Titus 2:13)**

**III. HEAVEN: SOMETHING TO PREPARE FOR**

- A. **Let's talk about our own death & burial plans**
- B. **So.... Why commemorate today as *All Saints Day*?**
  - 1. **Remember those who have died in the Faith**
  - 2. **Celebrate the victory over sin, death, devil**
  - 3. **Prepare ourselves for the reality of death & the joys of heaven**

**Conclusion: *The chair reserved for Jesus***