

Feast or Famine by Laura Shaw

Psalm 107:9 "...for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Imagine yourself preparing for a great feast. You've prepared a list, you've spent all the time shopping, then countless hours preparing the meal. The most exciting thing about it all is that you get to share it with some friends & family while you fellowship the evening away. The candles are lit, the table is set, the food is staying warm in the oven, and you wait. You wait some more. Wait, what time is it? Hours later, you realize that your guests are not coming. You call them, but there's no answer. "But what about this great feast I've prepared for them? Don't they know how good it will taste and how rich the fellowship will be?"

It's difficult to picture realistically that any friend or family member would do that to another, isn't it? HOWEVER, we as children of God do this on a regular basis. The Lord our God has prepared such good things for us, a feast that will keep us full all the time. And the food never runs out! You get hungry or thirsty again, and the feast is right there in front of you to partake of. And the taste!!! Regular food would never be the same.

What do we need to do to have this kind of feast with Him? God told His people in Psalm 81:19, "...open wide your mouth and I will fill it." We just need to show up hungry! When He calls to see where we are, let's run to Him, eagerly accepting His invitation to the feast. He wants to fill us up...Matthew 5: 6 says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Can you imagine a better meal than that!

Well, the next day, your family members call you back. It turns out they had received another invitation--one that seemed better suited to them. Oh, they're sorry...they knew you'd understand and forgive them. After all, that's what family does--forgives!!! They're available for leftovers today, though...all is well.

Yes, we belong to a forgiving God, and He died for us so that we could be forgiven all the time. Forever. Period. He is sympathetic to our weaknesses, and understands why we're a "no show" from time to time. But I don't want to settle for leftovers, do you? I want what the Psalmist is describing in the verse above...I want to be **satisfied and filled** with good things. Let's commit this day to serve Him, to praise Him for the feast He's prepared for us, and let's show up with our mouths wide open!!!! He will leave us fully content through the sustaining power of His Word, which will never return to us empty or void...no famine at His feast!!!!

**"Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare."
Isaiah 55:2**