

When your duties appear stern and severe, and your burdens too heavy to bear, remember that for your sake I endured the cross, despising the shame. **When your heart shrinks from the trying ordeal, remember that your Redeemer liveth to make intercession for you.** DA 659.2

**The Communion service points to Christ's second coming. It was designed to keep this hope vivid in the minds of the disciples.** Whenever they met together to commemorate His death, they recounted how "He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **Mathew 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.**" In their tribulation they found comfort in the hope of their Lord's return. Unspeakably precious to them was the thought, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." 1 Corinthians 11:26. DA 659.3

## Desire of Ages Chap 72 "This do in Remembrance of me"



Mathew 26:20-29

Mark 14:17-25

Luke 22:7-24

John 13:1-30

**Jesus KNEW that his hour had come, and yet a few quiet hours yet remained, these were to be spent for the benefit of His Disciples. Mathew 20:28 tells us that Christ**

**came NOT to be ministered unto, but to minister. the whole life of Christ, had been a life of unselfish service!**

23 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: 24 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. 25 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. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. — 1Corinthians 11:23-26

The Passover was ordained as a commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. God had directed that, year by year, as the children should ask the meaning of this ordinance, the history should be repeated. Thus the wonderful deliverance was to be kept fresh in the minds of all. *The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was given to commemorate the great deliverance wrought out as the result of the death of Christ. Till He shall come the second time in power and glory, this ordinance is to be celebrated. It is the means by which His great work for us is to be kept fresh in our minds.* DA 652.3

As we come to this ordinance, the children of God should bring to remembrance the words of the Lord of life and glory: *“Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.* If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. *For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.* Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I have received of the \_\_\_\_\_ that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread.

1 Corinthians 11:28-31 But let a man \_\_\_\_\_, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh \_\_\_\_\_, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

**When believers assemble to celebrate the ordinances, there are present messengers unseen by human eyes.** *There may be a Judas in the company, and if so, messengers from the prince of darkness are there, for they attend all who refuse to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Heavenly angels also are present. These unseen visitants are present on every such occasion. There may come into the company persons who are not in heart servants of truth and holiness, but who may wish to take part in the service. They should not be forbidden.* There are witnesses present who were present when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and of Judas. More than human eyes beheld the scene. DA 656.2

Christ by the Holy Spirit is there to set the seal to His own ordinance. He is there to convict and soften the heart. Not a look, not a thought of contrition, escapes His notice. For the repentant, brokenhearted one He is waiting. All things are ready for that soul's reception. He who washed the feet of Judas longs to wash every heart from the stain of sin. DA 656.3  
*None should exclude themselves from the Communion because some who are unworthy may be present. Every disciple is called*

**upon to participate publicly, and thus bear witness that he accepts Christ as a personal Saviour.** It is at these, His own appointments, that Christ meets His people, and energizes them by His presence. *Hearts and hands that are unworthy may even administer the ordinance, yet Christ is there to minister to His children. All who come with their faith fixed upon Him will be greatly blessed.* All who neglect these seasons of divine privilege will suffer loss. Of them it may appropriately be said, “Ye are not all clean.” DA 656.4

1 Corinthians 11:24 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.

And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these \_\_\_\_\_ in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of \_\_\_\_\_. Zechariah 13:6

... the Communion service is not to be a season of sorrowing. This was not its purpose. *As the Lord's disciples gather about His table, they are not to remember and lament their shortcomings.* They are not to dwell upon their past religious experience, whether that experience has been elevating or depressing. They are not to recall the differences between them and their brethren. *The preparatory service has embraced all this. The self-examination, the confession of sin, the reconciling of differences, has all been done. Now they come to meet with Christ. They are not to stand in the shadow of the cross, but in its saving light. They are to open the soul to the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. With hearts cleansed by Christ's most precious blood, in full consciousness of His presence, although unseen, they are to hear His words, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.” John 14:27.* DA 659.1

1 Corinthians 11:25 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 \_\_\_\_\_ of me.

Our Lord says, Under conviction of sin, remember that I died for you. *When oppressed and persecuted and afflicted for My sake and the gospel's, remember My love, so great that for you I gave My life.*