

What will our lives be like on
the new Earth? Part 5

Will we eat and drink on the
new Earth?

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I. After rising from the dead, Jesus ate.

Appearing to the disciple in the upper room Jesus said:

“Do you have anything here to eat? They gave him a piece of boiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.” Luke 24:41-42

“But God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.” Acts 10:40-41

Jesus has been invited to a fancy dinner at the home of a Pharisee and a very interesting conversation takes place.

“Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Luke 14:12-14

When Jesus made this reference to the resurrection of the dead, a man at the same dinner said to Jesus:

“Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” Luke 10:15

If there was no actual food or eating after the resurrection, wouldn't Jesus have corrected him? Yet, Jesus accepted what the man said as there will be actual eating at actual banquets.

II. Sharing a meal together is profoundly...

1. Relational

There are over 1,000 words in the Bible that have to do with eating, meals, and food.

There are 187 references to “feast”

Think of the “feasts” that you celebrate each year. Thanksgiving, Christmas, the Resurrection, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Don't all of these involve a celebration and fun, with great conversations, storytelling, relationship-building, and laughter, centered around family and friends?

“And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom...” Luke 22:29-30

Jesus is inviting you to eat and drink with him at his table. People who love each other like to eat meals together.

2. Personal

Will we drink coffee on the new Earth?

I mention coffee, not just for you coffee lovers, but as a test to see if we are more influenced by biblical teaching or worldly influences.

Here are the facts: God made the earth, right? God made coffee trees, right? The earth was put under our management and God deemed coffee trees, along with everything else to be “very good”.

Will the new Earth have fewer things to enjoy than Eden did or than the world under the Curse?

Will we eat meat on the new Earth?

Before the Flood, people were vegetarians. Before sin came, there was no death. Therefore animals would not be killed. However, after sin came, people and animals died as a direct result on sin.

“sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin”
Romans 5:12

It was after the flood that people began to eat meat.
Animals will not die in Heaven but it is entirely possible for God to provide meat with animals needing to die.

3. Beneficial

Even though we are living on the resurrected Earth, in resurrected bodies, with our resurrected Lord, we will still be fully humans and humans need food and drink.

4. Enjoyable

Think of the best meal you ever have eaten. Did you enjoy it? If food and drink taste so good now, under the curse, how much better will it taste when the curse has been lifted and food is at it best and our taste buds have been redeemed?

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” 1 Tim 6:17

If it seems strange or unspiritual to think about eating and drinking on the new earth, remember that it is God who promises that us that we will sit at tables, at banquets and feasts, and enjoy the finest foods and drinks. And to top it off, our Father promises that He *himself* will prepare at least one of the meals...

“On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines.” Is 25:6

Parents like to see their families together around the table. Parents love to hear their children say in anticipation, “Wow, that sure smells good.” You heavenly Father is long for the day to prepare a meal for you. I wonder if He will wear an apron that says, “World’s best Daddy.”