

## Home Sweet Home

“God of the Prodigals” Series- Part 4

**Connect:** What are the top three things you hope to see, hear, or experience when you arrive in heaven?

**Hook:** “*Home Sweet Home*”...it’s a wonderful cliché and for each of us there are certain things that make a house a home. Many say home is where the heart is, and it does not matter how big or nice the house. For others, a home is a place where you can feel comfortable and safe. Some have defined home as the place, that no matter what you have done, they have to let you in when you knock on the front door. One person described home as an environment where you can be free and can be yourself. Depending on how you define “home sweet home”, home can be living in a house, an apartment, or camping out under the stars for a few days!

What really makes home “sweet” to you?

In the story of the Prodigals, we find the younger brother coming home after a life of wasteful and wrong living. There on the horizon, his Father awaits him with open arms and then invites others to a party to commemorate his return. At the end of our worship service, we observe a different commemoration called communion or the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Brandon has called observing the Lord’s Supper a small taste of what it will be like when we finally come to our eternal home. Let’s explore that thought a little deeper today in our study.

### Book:

26. As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is My body."  
27. And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it,  
28. for this is My blood, which confirms the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.  
29. Mark My words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom." -Matthew 26:26-29
23. For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord Himself. On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread  
24. and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and said, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this to remember Me."  
25. In the same way, He took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with My blood. Do this to remember Me as often as you drink it."  
26. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again. - I Corinthians 11:23-26

## Look:

Based on these verses, who benefits from observing communion?

What does the "bread" represent in this memorial?

What does the "juice" represent in this observance?

Why is it important for us to observe communion?

In these two passages of scriptures, what was said that gave this observance a "look to the future"?

What do you understand about the "covenant" that God has made with believers?

Read the following verses and discuss what they tell us about God's covenant or promises:

2 Peter 3:9

Hebrews 4:1

Galatians 3:22

Jesus states that He is coming again. In light of that truth, what does that mean to you? What should we be doing knowing that His return could be at any time?

When you observe the Lord's Supper, how does it speak into your past, present, and future?

In the Book of Revelations, we are given a small look at a future event:

Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to Him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and His bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." -Revelations 19:6-9

How does the Lord Supper give us a sneak preview into the celebration feast in heaven?