

Sermon Worksheet: “He Will Swallow Up Death Forever” (Isa. 25:1–12)

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**Big Idea:** Jesus came to swallow up death forever.

1. A Devastating Storm of Salvation (Isa. 25:1–5)

2. Death Swallowed Up (Isa. 25:6–9)

### 3. Dunghill Swimming (Isa. 25:10–12)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Isaiah 24. Why is such catastrophic, creation-destroying, city-annihilating judgment necessary? Why is Isaiah right to sing praise to God for the “wonderful things” God has done in the destruction of the earthly, rebellious city (v. 1)? In what way, though, is this judgment connected with how the “strong peoples will glorify” God, and “cities of ruthless nations will fear” him (v. 3)? How is judgment connected with salvation?
2. What does the background of Exodus 24 on Mount Sinai teach us about this feast on Mount Zion with the Lord’s elders (Isa. 24:23)? Who now goes up to feast on Mount Zion? How is the universality of this feast stressed? What does it mean for God to “swallow up” death (cf. Prov. 1:12)? What do you make of what Alec Motyer observes in the subjective experience of “This is our God” combined with the objective reality of “This is Yahweh” (v. 9)?
3. In contrast with the glorious mountain of the Lord, how does the dunghill of Moab compare? Why, then, does Moab continue to try to make it on their own, apart from the Lord? How do their efforts look from the Lord’s perspective? What drives the nation to carry on in their rebellion anyway? Where are you tempted to continue working out your life on your own, apart from God? How does this passage affect your thinking about that?
4. What does this passage teach us about the reason that Jesus came into the world the first time? What does this passage teach us about what Jesus is doing right now? What does this passage teach us about what will happen when Jesus returns again? How are you responding to the death and resurrection of Jesus, in view of these sure promises? Do you behold your God in Jesus Christ? Are you waiting for him to save you? If not, why not?