

Words about Communion- from Joseph Prince:

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

In the Old Testament, whenever the children of Israel sacrificed a lamb for a burnt offering as they faced a strong enemy, victory was theirs.

For example, in 1 Samuel 7:7–11, when the Philistines were coming against them, the prophet Samuel offered a lamb as a burnt offering.

As it was being offered, the Lord came like a loud thunder on the Philistine army, confusing them. This led to victory for the Israelites.

Every time something bad happened to the children of Israel, by offering a lamb sacrifice, they were proclaiming the Lord's death, and the battle would turn in their favor.

Today, when we are faced with an enemy, how do we offer our "burnt offering"?

How do we proclaim the Lord's death and come out victorious? Do we ask Jesus to come down to where we are at and die on the cross all over again? Of course not. Jesus died once for all our sins — past, present and future. (Hebrews 10:12) His work is perfectly perfect and completely complete, so He doesn't have to die for us again.

Today, we proclaim His death simply by partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Every time you partake of the bread and wine, you declare to the principalities and powers of darkness that the Lord's death avails for you.

Every time you partake, you are saying that because Jesus has been judged and punished in your place, you cannot be judged and punished.

Because Jesus died young in your place, you will live long.

And because He conquered death and stripped the devil of his powers, you will not be defeated. The victory is already yours!

That is why the psalmist David said, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies..." (Psalm 23:5)

The Lord's table is prepared for you in the presence of your enemies because when you partake of the bread and wine, you will see your enemies tremble and scatter! Why?

Because when you proclaim the Lord's death through the Holy Communion, you are reminding the devil and his cohorts of their humiliating defeat at Calvary's cross! (Colossians 2:15)