

## Bringing the Feast

An elderly couple had no means of support except a weekly gift of money from a man in their church. One Sunday, the couple's benefactor, who lived quite far away, wanted to remain in the area for the afternoon service. So he said to the old couple, "Would you mind if I joined you for dinner after the morning service?"

Immediately, the couple thought of the half loaf of stale bread, a bit of butter and some cheese that were the entire contents of their cupboard. How could this friend dine with them, they thought. The man interrupted their worries by adding, "I have brought a basket of things with me and there will be plenty for the three of us."

When he arrived at the poor, bare cottage, he unpacked the basket. Soon the three of them were gathered around a table that was spread with fried chicken, sliced ham and apple pie. The man had not only come to dine with them, but he had also brought the feast.

What a picture of God's relationship with us. He desires to fellowship with us, and by His power, He provides us with all that we need. We have nothing to offer, but into our spiritual poverty He brings all the riches of His grace.

--Beecher Hunter