

**Introduction**

1. God gives three blessings here
2. They are all gospel-blessings
3. We all long for them in 2009

**1. THE GOSPEL FEAST: v.6**

- 1) The first blessing here: The place where it is made: "this mountain"
- 2) The One who prepares the feast: God
- 3) For whom it is prepared: "all people"
- 4) The nature of this feast: very rich:
  - (i) To eat of Christ's flesh + blood
  - (ii) To sup with Christ in vital fellowship
  - (iii) God's love shed abroad in our hearts
  - (iv) Assurance based on our justification
  - (v) A sure hope of heaven

**APPLICATION**: Believers, enjoy this feast!

**2. THE REMOVAL OF THE VEIL: v.7**

- 1) A second blessing here: What this veil is: 2 Cor. 3:13-16
- 2) The universality of it: "all people"
- 3) The effect of it: the gospel not seen
- 4) The removal of it: Christ known  
**ILLUSTRATION**: a statue unveiled

- 5) The order of its removal: After Christ's work is finished  
**APPLICATION**: The feast is now offered to all
- 6) The greatest need Scotland has: the removal of the veil  
**APPLICATION**: The challenge to pray most earnestly

**3. THE CHURCH'S ENEMIES ADDRESSED: v.8**

- 1) A third promise now given: the enemies who challenge the church are now faced and dealt with
- 2) The first enemy: Death. It is to be swallowed up in Victory.  
**APPLICATION**: Perhaps we shall need this in 2009
  - (i) What Christ has said: Jn. 11
  - (ii) What Christ will do: 1 Cor. 15
- 3) The second enemy: Sadness, which draws forth tears from our eyes:
  - (i) God Himself will wipe them away
  - (ii) Our sorrows as believers are all soon to END!  
**APPLICATION**: We shall need this in 2009
- 4) The third enemy: "the rebuke of his people" = "the reproach of Christ":
  - (i) All men will see what God thinks of all His dear people
  - (ii) Not a dog will utter a sound when God does this  
**APPLICATION**: Recall the promise of Rev. 3:9

**CONCLUSION**

1. I shall tell you my hope + prayer for 2009
2. O what comforts are here!
3. May it be a year much to be remembered!

**PSALM****145<sup>2</sup>: 1 – 6****146: 1 – 6****63: 5 – 11**