

**A Banquet Fit For A King**  
**Series: God Is Good All the Time**  
**Psalms 23:5a; Sermon Outline**  
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† *Psalms 23:5a, "You prepare a banquet for me in front of my enemies" (GWT).*

**What Kind of Banquet Is It?**

1. **This is the kind of banquet/table where \_\_\_\_\_.** *Psalms 23:5a, "You . . ." — a reference to God Himself.*
2. **This is the kind of banquet/table that is \_\_\_\_\_.** *Psalms 23:5a, "You prepare a banquet . . ." (GWT).*
  - The Hebrew word translated as "prepare" is [תַּעַרְךָ, taarokh]. It means "to arrange in order, to set in order." It is used to refer to arranging weapons in order for battle. To arrange one's words in legal case, as an attorney does. It was also used to refer to arranging dishes in order for a meal on a table.
  - The Hebrew word used here is [שֻׁלְחָן, Shulchan]. This word is used to refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ This is one of those really long tables you see in a castle, in a medieval castle. It's long, holds 50, 100 people, where a feast is prepared for the king/queen and his/her guests.
  - In some of the finest sheep country in the world, especially in the western United States and southern Europe, the high plateaus of the sheep ranges are always referred to as mesas—the Spanish word for tables. Oddly enough the Kiswahili (African) word for a table is also mesa. In many countries for thousands of years, the people living there refer to a \_\_\_\_\_ as a "table or tableland," which sheep love to graze upon.
  - A shepherd would go scout out the areas where he planned to take his sheep he would note where the predators were; where they hid, and what kind of predators they were. This was called "\_\_\_\_\_ " by shepherds. Once prepared, he would take his sheep to the flat, plateau "table or tableland" to graze on the grass there.
3. **This is the kind of banquet/table in which you are the \_\_\_\_\_.** *Psalms 23:5a, "You prepare a table . . ." (NASB).*
4. **This is the kind of banquet/table that is done in \_\_\_\_\_, not in \_\_\_\_\_.** *Psalms 23:5a, "You prepare a table in the presence of . . ." (NASB).*
5. **This is the kind of banquet/table that will be on the \_\_\_\_\_.** *Psalms 23:5a, "You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies . . ." (NASB).*
  - † *Song of Solomon 2:4, "The king brought me to his banquet table to dine and he put a banner over me of his love for me" (PAR).*

**Who Are My Enemies?**

1. **My enemies include the \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - † *John 16:33b, "In the world you have tribulations and trials and distress and frustrations; but be of good cheer -- take courage; be confident, be certain, be undaunted] For I have overcome the world -- I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you" (AMP).*
  - † *1 John 2:15-17, "Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God; <sup>16</sup>for all these worldly things, these evil desires — the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance — these are not from God. They are from this evil world itself. <sup>17</sup>And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever" (TLB).*
2. **My enemies include \_\_\_\_\_ (the \_\_\_\_\_) who is against me.**
  - † *1 Peter 5:8, "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (NLT).*
  - † *John 10:10a, "The devil, just like a thief, has only one goal in mind. He wants to steal, kill and destroy you" (PAR).*
  - † *John 8:44, "Jesus looked at the unbelieving crowd and said, 'For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies'" (NLT).*

- † Ephesians 6:12, “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places” (NLT).

### 3. My enemies include \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Romans 7:14-15, 23, “The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup>I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate . . . <sup>23</sup>I discern another power operating in my humanity, waging a war against the moral principles of my conscience and bringing me into captivity as a prisoner to the “law” of sin—this unwelcome intruder in my humanity is my old sinful nature” (NLT/TPT).

#### What Does This Banquet Symbolize?

### 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in having \_\_\_\_\_ with me.

- † John 15:15b, “Jesus said to them, ‘You are My friends . . .’” (NLT).  
 † Psalms 5:11, “You welcome us with open arms when we run for cover to you. Let the party last all night! Stand guard over our celebration” (MES).  
 † Solomon 2:4, “The king brought me to His banquet table to dine and he put a banner over me of His love for me” (PAR).  
 † Job 36:16, God is gently calling you from the jaws of distress to an open place of freedom where He has set your table full of the best food” (NCV).

### 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ me to show to the world \_\_\_\_\_.

- † Psalms 31:19, “Your goodness is so great! You have stored up great blessings for those who honor You. You have done so much for those who come to You for protection, blessing them before the watching world” (PAR).  
 † Psalms 35:27, “How great is the Lord! He is pleased with the success of His servant” (GNT).

#### What Is On The Menu at This Banquet?

### ★ All the \_\_\_\_\_.

- There are \_\_\_\_\_ promises from God in His Word, the Bible.<sup>1</sup>
- † John 6:35, “I am the bread of life” (NLT).
- † Matthew 4:4, “People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (NLT).
- † Hebrews 5:14, “Crave solid food – God’s Word – which is spiritual meat so that you can distinguish between good and evil” (PAR).
- † Psalms 119:103, “Your promises are so sweet to me. They are like honey to my mouth!” (ICB).
- † 1 Peter 2:2, “Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation” (NASB).
- † Jeremiah 15:16a, “When I discovered Your Words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart’s delight” (NLT).
- † Jeremiah 31:29-30, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, but their children’s mouths pucker at the taste.”  
<sup>30</sup>All people will die for their own sins—those who eat the sour grapes will be the ones whose mouths will pucker” (NLT).
- † Psalms 34:8, “Learn to savor how good the Lord is” (PAR).
- † Isaiah 25:6-9, “On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples; the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation” (NIV).
- The Hebrew word translated as “shroud” is [חִלּוּט, halot], which refers to the cloth wrapping to wrap a dead body, like they do with a mummy. Here in Isaiah 25:7, a shroud refers to “a covering of death” like a symbolic shroud that wraps itself around us with the \_\_\_\_\_ that wrapped around everyone. Why? Because we all know we’re all going to die.
- What are the sheets? This is the Hebrew word [מַסְכָּה, masekhah]. That’s the \_\_\_\_\_ that we’re all under because things don’t work right.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/5467-promises-divine>.