

**A Banquet Fit For A King**  
**Series: God Is Good All the Time**  
**Psalm 23:5a; Next Steps Devotional Guide**  
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1. Read Psalm 23:5a from your sermon notes. There is a banquet we get to attend. Under the heading, *“What kind of banquet is it?”*, we learned under point #1 it is a banquet/table in which God is the host. Imagine for a moment, you get an invitation from God to come a banquet. What would you think? Feel? Do? Anticipate? Be concerned about?
2. Read Psalm 23:5a from your sermon notes. There is a banquet we get to attend. Under the heading, *“What kind of banquet is it?”*, we learned under point #2 it is a banquet/table that is well planned. Every dish and utensil is in its place. What do you imagine such a table would look like?
3. Read Psalm 23:5a from your sermon notes. There is a banquet we get to attend. Under the heading, *“What kind of banquet is it?”*, we learned under point #3 it is a banquet that you are invited to attend. God has already set the table for you. Everything has already been prearranged. This no ordinary table. It is the king’s table — one that is 50-100 feet long. How would you feel sitting at such a long table — just God and you? Why?
4. Read Psalm 23:5a from your sermon notes. There is a banquet we get to attend. Under the heading, *“What kind of banquet is it?”*, we learned under point #4 it is a banquet/table that is done right out in the public. It is not secretive. How would you feel sitting a such a long table — just God and you — right out in the middle of Times Square or The Mall in Washington, DC? Why?
5. Read Psalm 23:5a from your sermon notes. There is a banquet we get to attend. Under the heading, *“What kind of banquet is it?”*, we learned under point #5 it is a banquet/table that is done right in the middle of a battlefield. While a battle rages, you have been invited to take a break from the battle and dine only with God, your king?
6. Read John 16:33b and 1 John 2:15-17 from your sermon notes under point #1 under the heading, *“Who are my enemies?”* David writes in *Psalm 23:5*, *“You prepare a banquet for me in front of my enemies”* (GWT). You have several enemies. One enemy you have is the world around you. Do you ever see the world as your enemy? If so, in which circumstances or personal experiences do you see the world as your enemy or seen the world turn against you?
7. It is clear from Scripture that we cannot be a friend to the world and to Jesus. God loves people, but He hates the world’s values system, which is anti-God and materialistic. Knowing the truth that Jesus has overcome the world and its value system, how does this encourage you to deal with trials, tribulations, distress and frustrations of life?
8. Read 1 Peter 5:8, John 10:10a, John 8:44 and Ephesians 6:12 from your sermon notes under point #2 under the heading, *“Who are my enemies?”* David writes in *Psalm 23:5*, *“You prepare a banquet for me in front of my enemies”* (GWT). You have several enemies. A second enemy you have is the devil, satan.
  - a. Do you ever see the devil, satan as your enemy? If so, in which circumstances or personal experiences do you see the devil, satan as your enemy?
  - b. Satan loves to use deception, distractions and discouragement to as clever tricks and tactics to manipulate us. How is he most effective with this on you?
9. Read Romans 7:14 15, 23 from your sermon notes under point #3 under the heading, *“Who are my enemies?”* David writes in *Psalm 23:5*, *“You prepare a banquet for me in front of my enemies”* (GWT). You have several enemies. A third enemy you have is yourself.
  - a. You are your worst on enemy. Do you ever see yourself as your enemy? If so, in which circumstances or personal experiences do you see yourself as your worst enemy?
  - b. What are some of the ways people are their worst on enemy? This list shows that the devil does not have to do much to distant you from God. Why is this true?
  - c. Where do you see people putting their trust rather than in God and how do you perceive God work to call us back to Himself?

10. Based on Psalm 23:5a, God promises a banquet to you. What does this banquet symbolize? Read John 15:15b, Psalm 5:11 and Song of Solomon 2:4 from your sermon notes under point # 1 under the heading, *"What does this banquet symbolize?"* One thing it symbolizes is that God desires and delights to have fellowship with you. How does this make you feel and how often do you think about how much God delights and desires to have fellowship with you? What difference should it make?
11. Read Job 36:16 from your sermon notes under point #1 under the heading, *"What does this banquet symbolize?"* What's chewing on you right now? What's eating you up right now? What is it that's got you worried, anxious, fearful and is gnawing and gnawing and gnawing on you?
12. Read Psalm 31:19 under point #2 under the heading, *"What does this banquet symbolize?"* The phrase "stored up" indicates advanced planning. It means that God plans what He's going to do for you before it actually happens in your life. God prepares a victory banquet for you before the victory is sure.
  - a. Why do you think God does this?
  - b. When was a time you planned something special for someone you loved? What was required in the advance planning stages? Who was invited? Where was the place and items necessary to pull this off?
13. Read Psalm 35:27 from your sermon notes under point #2. God loves to honor His servants for their faithfulness, obedience and their success. God knows we are not perfect — that we still sin, yet, He still prepares a banquet for us not because of our goodness, but because of His. What does this tell you about the goodness of God?
14. When you get to the banquet, you discover that what is on the menu are the 5,467 promises of God.
  - a. Read John 6:35, Matthew 4:4, and Hebrews 5:14 from your sermon notes under the heading, *"What is on the menu?"* What do these promise from God tell you and how should you apply their truths to your life?
  - b. Read Psalm 119:103 and 1 Peter 2:2. God's Word is often compared to food such as honey because it is sweet and milk because it is the basic food for newborns. Have you ever thought of God's Word being like honey and milk? What are the benefits of God's Word being compared to honey and milk?
  - c. Of the 5,467 promises in God's Word, which ones mean the most to you and have impacted your life? List them on a sheet of paper.
15. Read Jeremiah 15:16a from your sermon notes under the under the heading, *"What Is On The Menu?"* God has provided a feast, a banquet in His Word, the Bible. Spend some time calculating how much time you are in God's Word verses the the amount of time you are on the Internet, spending reading the newspaper or magazines or are on social media. Once you have done this, calculate the amount of time you are in God's Word. Now compare the two and what does this reveal to you about what you feast on and how much time you spend feasting on God's Word verses fasting from God's Word.
16. Read Jeremiah 31:29-30 and Psalm 34:8 from your sermon notes under the heading, *"What Is On The Menu?"* God uses the symbolism of sour grapes and how that causes one to have pucker lips. This passage stresses personal responsibility in the effects life leaves apart from being in God's Word. Life can leave one soured and bitter. So, why do you think so many people, even Christians, choose to live their lives apart from God's Word? Has this ever happened to you? Explain. Would you say you 'savor' God's Word? If so, what is the proof?
17. Read Isaiah 25:6-9 from your sermon notes under the heading, *"What Is On The Menu?"* God uses the terms "shroud" and "sheet" to refer to death:
  - a. Everyone knows they are eventually going to die. Everyone lives under the gloom of death. Do you agree that how we face death is just as important as how we face life? If so, explain.
  - b. In this life we live under the cloud of grief. Family and friends we love die. But one of God's promises is that for a Christ follower, death never will have the last word. God will and does. There is coming a day when God will eliminate death, wipe all the tears from our lives and restore our existence to the way He intended in the Garden of Eden. How does this promise from God impact your life?
  - c. One of the reasons we should be in God's Word daily is that it helps us see existence from God's point of view and it helps us see the whole picture, not just our scene (life) in the clip (our longevity). How does this help us with the banquet and feast God has prepared for us?