Delcome!

- ✓ Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.
- ✓ Say hello to someone you don't know.
- ✓ We'll gather at 10:20am.

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ABOUT YOU

Birthplace, Family, Vocation, Passions, Interests

ABOUT FAITH

Growing up, Life B.C., Turning Point, Surrender, Life A.D.

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

"All Sufficient Merit" by Shane & Shane

All sufficient merit, shining like the sun A fortune I inherit, by no work I have done My righteousness I forfeit, at my Savior's cross Where all sufficient merit, did what I could not In love He condescended, eternal now in time A life without a blemish, the Maker made to die

The law could never save us our lawlessness had won Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host

I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus a crimson robe made white No more fear of judgement His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death The joy of my salvation, shall be my final breath

When I stand accepted before the throne of God I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross

It is done it is finished no more debt I owe Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own



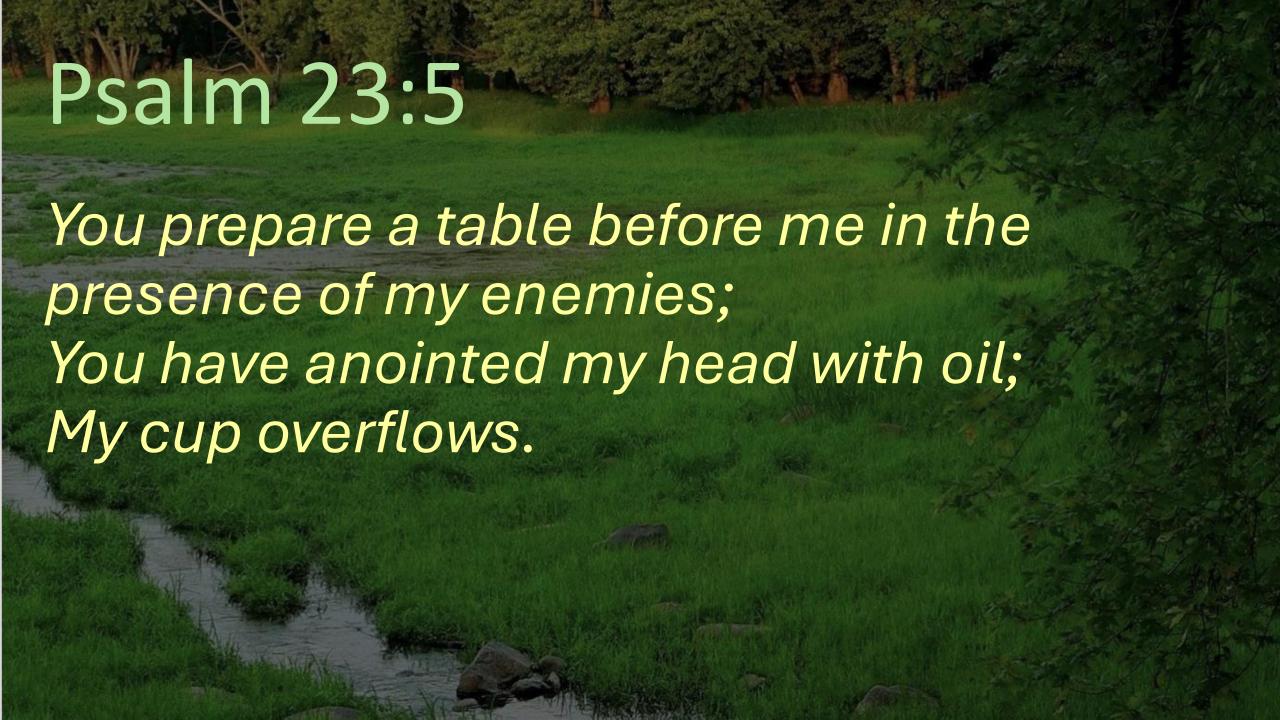
The 23rd Psalm

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.



5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy (lovingkindness) will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



"You prepare a table before me..."

The Kingdom of God is depicted all the way through the Bible as a feast. It's an amazing thing that God invites us to His Table!

Table Etiquette

- Righteousness
- Brokenness
- Repentance
- Purchase

"... in the presence of my enemies."

- Restrained
- Unrestrained



Unrestrained

The Table that God prepares for us enables us to experience a supernatural peace that comes from the presence of Christ, regardless of life's circumstances and the presence of our enemies (restrained or unrestrained).

How Jesus Prepared the Table

"For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." - Hebrews 12:2b-3

Confession

"My heart is an unexhausted fountain of sin, a river of corruption, flowing on in every pattern of behavior." - Valley of Vision

Pardon

"I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." - Isaiah 43:25



The Bread

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." - Luke 22:19

"You have anointed my head with oil."

King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, Lord God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?"

- 1 Chronicles 17:16

"My cup overflows."

Our natural disposition is complaint and discontent, which is why it is so important to stop and remember all that we are grateful for.

- Grumbling & Complaining
- Gratitude & Appreciation

"The Overflowing Cup" by C.H. Spurgeon (1869)

"You have a cup. Remember you were once wandering in a dry and thirsty land, where no water was. Hungry and thirsty, your soul fainted within you. You hastened to the broken cisterns, but they held no water. The wells of pleasure were empty, and you were in a parched land, where hope smiled not. Your former delights proved to be but a

mirage, fair to look upon, but unsubstantial as a dream. Do you remember when Christ said to you, "Behold, I freely give living water, thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live"?

Oh, what a change for you!

You thirst no longer, for within your soul Jesus has an ever-springing well of living water.
You believe in Him, and all the cravings of your nature are supplied.

Think of the full cup which Jesus holds to your lips. Contrast it with your former poverty when you were ready to perish in despair and rejoice this morning that you have a royal cup to drink of which will never fail you."

Gratitude

Acceptance, Adoption, Breath, Compassion, Family, Forgiveness, Freedom, Friendship, Health, Healing, Joy, Grace, Life, Love, Mercy, Peace, Protection, Provision, Redemption, Restoration

Salvation

Hallelujah, What a Savior! by Philip Bliss (1875)

"Man of Sorrows" what a name For the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim Hallelujah! What a Savior Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah! What a Savior

Guilty, vile and helpless we Spotless Lamb of God was He Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior Lifted up was He to die
"It is finished" was His cry
Now in heaven exalted high
Hallelujah! What a Savior

When He comes, our glorious King All His ransomed, home to bring Then anew this song we'll sing Hallelujah! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Hallelu! Hallelujah! What a Savior

The Cup

"In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

- Luke 22:20

Seated, Anointed & Overflowing

"If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life . . . neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:31-39

The Blessing

Psalm 23 & John 10 (from Jesus' perspective)

I am your Good Shepherd, and I will take care of you. When you're weary, I'll give you rest in green pastures, When you're anxious, I'll guide you beside quiet waters, When you're exhausted, I'll restore your soul. When you're lost, I'll guide you in the right direction.

When you walk through the darkest valleys of life, you don't need to fear because I will be with you. When you're surrounded and under attack, I will protect you.

I have laid down My life for you, so that you can have life with fullness of joy.

My lovingkindness will follow you every day of your life, and you will dwell with me in the house of God our Father, forever and ever. Amen