

It was the Host leaving His guest with no doubt that he was _____ there and _____ there. God genuinely wants to _____ with us.

“My cup overflows.”

This is another indicator of the _____ provided by the Host.

God is not a _____!
Again, we are His **sons** and **daughters**...His **princes** and **princesses**.
His storehouse of blessing is wide open and He is giving us **grace upon grace** in our lives.

John 1:16

[**Answers:** host, guest, provided, protects, provides, all, needs, King, serves, humble, cares, us, best, God, Truth, satisfying, every believer, strange, often, ever, security, humbling, trust, pace, peace, welcome, wanted, fellowship, abundance, miser]

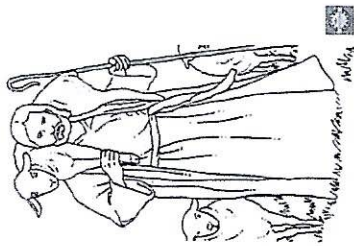
Exploring Psalm 23

LESSON #4

A Change in Metaphor:

From Our Shepherd to Our Host
Psalm 23:5

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



As we come to verse 5, David changes His allegory from the Lord being his **Shepherd** to being his _____, and himself from a sheep to an honored _____.

Just as **the Shepherd** abundantly _____ and sovereignly _____...so does **the Host**. He moves us from lush, green pastures and quiet waters to a lavish banquet hall with a table full of food and an overflowing cup...all enjoyed in the sweet aroma of the oil of anointing.

The theme of the Psalm remains the same: No matter what...the Lord **personally** _____ for _____ of his _____.

“You prepare a table before me...”

I believe we can envision this as a royal banquet hall, with the Lord being the King.

Yahweh...the **King**, Himself, is the one preparing the table and serving His guest...His servant. Here, the Lord is serving David a meal fit for a king! It seems backward, but it's not.

This is a true picture of our Lord Jesus...

Mark 10:45

Mark's Gospel presents Jesus as "the _____ who _____."

We are to _____ ourselves and imitate Him in sacrificial service to others.

The word "**prepare**" ... the Hebrew word "**arak**": **It means...**

David's point in this?

This is the way our Lord _____ for _____ at all times in all ways. The food and drink are the nourishment that He provides for us...always the very

_____. Spiritually, that equates to our "milk" and our "meat" ...the Word of _____. ...the Word of His _____. This nourishment is completely _____.

This applies to _____ just as it did to David.

As a believer, **you** have a place at His table. **You** are treated as a prince or princess of the King of Heaven. The Lord constantly has His eye on **you**, anticipating **your** needs, providing them at just the right time...all because of His love for **you**.

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

This imagery seems to be somewhat _____...but the message is powerful and clear...

The Reality of Life: The enemies are _____ present...in close proximity.

Removing the enemies is not necessary since the _____ - present Lord is our _____. The Lord is in charge of who is there, and their presence is for the purpose of _____ us and developing our _____ in Him. The picture is that of the absolute calm that prevails. There is no turmoil...nothing to disturb the _____ or the _____ of the meal.

"No matter the opposition you face, the Lord's grace is more than sufficient to sustain you to live in a way glorifying to Him." ~ Steven Lawson

"You have anointed my head with oil."

The oil...

The word "**anoint**," in Hebrew, literally means... "to be made fat."

Ephesians 1: 3, 7 & 8 come to mind...