

**Series Psalm 23 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
"I Shall Not Want For Provision"
Psalm 23:5
Part-6**

The scene now changes from outdoors as sheep with the shepherd **Verses 1-4 The Lord My Shepherd:** to indoors, as a guest with the Lord our host **Verses 5-6 The Lord My Host: Jehovah's Sheep, Jehovah's Guest!**

Psalm 23:5 (God's Provision Described Three Times)

- 1. Prepare A Table: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**
- 2. Anointed My Head: You have anointed my head with oil;**
- 3. My Cup Overflows: My cup overflows.**

The Author of Psalm 23 is called a "Psalm of David" written 3,000 years ago.

When the Lord is my shepherd, "I shall not want!" Verse 1

We shall Not Want For Rest! Verse 2

We shall Not Want For Restoration! Verse 3

We shall Not Want For Guidance! Verse 3

We shall Not Want For Safety! Verse 4

We shall Not Want For Provision! Verse 5

We shall Not Want For Eternity! Verse 6

Book: "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 By Phillip Keller

The Thought Of Our Passage: The LORD Is My Host And Since The Lord Is My Host - I Shall Not Want For Provision.

- 1. Prepare A Table**
- 2. Anointed My Head**
- 3. My Cup Overflows**

1. Prepare A Table:

Psalm 23:5 You prepare a table before me Context – David just spoke of God's Safety, I Shall Not Want For Safety: **Verse 4**

You prepare a table is this the changing of the metaphor that David has been using? That of the **shepherd of sheep** to that of the **host for his guests**

Some Say David Continues With The Metaphor Of The Shepherd With The Sheep: You prepare a table some suggest that **table** – in the

spring the meadows in the high country, that are flat-top plateau, high summer range are called "tablelands" or "tables."

You have anointed my head with oil; The shepherd would mix oil with sulfur and apply to the wounds of the sheep in order to heal them.

The oil was used to deter insects like flies that were constant pests on the sheep.

My cup overflows. Sheep that got cold in the fall and numb because of the cold were given wine and water to warm them up.

David is presenting Hebrew poetry – **(1) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; (2) You have anointed my head with oil; (3) My cup overflows.** David is saying the same thing **three times**, God you are so good.

(1) Salvation - You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
(2) Sanctification - You have anointed my head with oil;
(3) Service - My cup overflows.

You prepare a table before me Preparation is the focus, this is God's doing, He is at work. **Song of Solomon 2:4**

You prepare a table notice who prepares, sets the table, it is the Lord who does so.

before me This is called grace – unmerited favor, that the God of the universe would think of me? Would invite me?

Jesus tells a parable that is exclusive to Luke's gospel about inviting guests to a banquet. But later made excuses - **Luke 14:18-20**

The Bible reveals that there is a continual feast from Genesis - Revelation. (Table, Feast is of Salvation) Isaiah 55:1-3

God Meets Our Physical Needs: Isaiah 41:17-20; Matthew 6:11, 25-26; Philippians 4:19

God Meets Our Spiritual Needs: Ephesians 1:3 blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (Ephesians 1:4-14)

in the presence of my enemies; In David's day treaties were made with enemies. After treaties were made it was followed by a meal. God has always been faithful.

Satan is called "father of lies" **John 8:44 the father of lies.**

1st lie ever told was by Satan. Up to this point there was only truth,
Genesis 3:2-4
(Satan makes God look selfish and controlling)

2 Corinthians 2:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 1 Peter 5:8

A Table Of Replenishment: The feeding of the 5,000
Matthew 14:14-21 was a miracle that did not really need to take place.
The people had been with Jesus for several hours.

The feeding of the 4,000 was actually a need for the people, they had been
with Jesus for three days and were hungry. **Mathew 15:32-38**

A Table Of Restoration: Peter with Jesus at the last supper was told by
Jesus that he would flee and deny Jesus **three times**. Later, after the
resurrection of Jesus, Jesus met up with the disciples and Peter at the Sea
of Galilee and presented a table of restoration.

**John 21:12-13,15 There is always forgiveness and restoration at
the table!**

A Table Of Remembrance: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Jesus Not Only The Host, But The Meal: John 6:54-56

A Table Of Rejoicing: Matthew 26:28-29 The future Marriage Supper of
The Lamb, at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! A never-ending fellowship
with Jesus
Revelation 19:7-9

2. Anointed My Head:

Psalm 23:5; You have anointed my head with oil; (Oil – Holy Spirit)

You have anointed my head with oil; Jesus was invited to Simon's
house, a pharisee; a local sinner anoints Jesus and wept over Him. The
religious are upset, Jesus says to His host. **Luke 7:45-46**

**Fresh Anointing: (Holy Spirit's Enablement) Psalm 92:10;
Lamentations 3:22-23**

Oil Of Gladness: When we love what God loves and hate what God hates,
we will be anointed with the oil of gladness! **Psalm 45:7-8;
Hebrews 1:8-9**

**2 Corinthians 2:14-16 What kind of aroma do we put out before
others?**

God's Pledge Of The Holy Spirit: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin: John 16:8

Holy Spirit Teaches Us: 1 John 2:27

How do we know that we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit? What evidence is there? **Galatians 5:22-23** Fruit of the Spirit. **John 14:26**

Holy Spirit Places Us In The Church: 1 Corinthians 12:13

3. My Cup Overflows:

Psalms 23:5 My cup overflows. *"my cup runs over, overflows"*

Cup of sorrow, cup of pain, cup of blessing (Communion) Service - our service to the Lord and others. Ministry flows from our relationship with God.

My cup overflows. In a dry climate an overflowing cup is joyful.
John 10:10-11

God is the God of the open heart and the open hand. **Matthew 10:8**
Freely you received, freely give.

All Believers Are Gifted To Serve: Romans 1:11-12 Paul spoke of these believers blessing the apostle Paul through ministry.

1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11

A Giving Life Results In An Overflowing Life: Luke 6:38

Application:

1. Prepare A Table - God Has Abundantly Provided For Our Needs Both Physically And Most Importantly, Spiritually.
2. Anointed My Head - God's Holy Spirit's Enablement, The Holy Spirit's Promise To Teach Us, The Holy Spirit's Pledge That We Belong To God.
3. My Cup Overflows - All Believers Are Gifted To Serve, A Giving Life Results In An Overflowing Life.