

God is Good All the Time

God's Banquet

Psalm 23:5

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Psalm 23 ¹ *The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.* ² *He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.* ³ *He restores my soul. He leads me in the right paths for His Name's sake.* ⁴ *Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me.* ⁵ *You prepare a banquet for me in front of my enemies.*

Who/What are my enemies?

1. THE WORLD.

1 John 2 ¹⁵ *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.* ¹⁶ *For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. (NLT)*

2. SPIRITUAL FORCES.

Ephesians 6 ² *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. OUR OLD NATURE

Romans 7 ²³ *The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. (MSG)*

What does God's banquet symbolize?

1. FELLOWSHIP with God.

1 John 1 ³ *We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (NLT)*

Psalm 5 ¹¹ *But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy. (NLT)*

2. GOD'S BLESSING for us.

Psalm 31 ¹⁹ *How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world. (NLT)*

Psalm 36 ⁷ *How precious, O God, is your constant love! We find protection under the shadow of your wings.* ⁸ *We feast on the abundant food you provide; you let us drink from the river of your goodness.* ⁹ *You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light. (NLT)*