

Peace Without Removal

Scripture

*"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."
Psalm 23:5*

Reflection

One of the most striking details in this verse is that the enemies are still present.

God does not first remove every threat and then prepare the table. He provides for David while the opposition remains.

That teaches us something important about biblical peace. Peace is not always the absence of difficulty. Sometimes it is the security of knowing that God is with us in the middle of difficulty.

David could sit at the table because he trusted the One who prepared it.

Illustration

A child can sleep peacefully during a storm when a trusted parent is nearby. The thunder may still be loud, but the child feels secure because someone stronger is present.

Our confidence comes not from controlling every circumstance but from trusting the Shepherd who is with us.

Application

Identify one problem you have been asking God to remove.

Continue to pray for help, but also ask Him to give you peace while the situation remains unresolved.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to trust You even when my problems do not immediately disappear. Give me peace in the presence of opposition and confidence in Your protection and care. Amen.