

Leave nothing on the table-Notes

The Lord is my Shephard.-- **Slide 2**

David declared and established before early the Lord is My (Our) Shepherd. I am still declaring the Lord is MY SHEPHERD! So we look at Christ the Shepherd as being our Provider at the beginning of the scripture. He provides for our every need when we present them to him. The needs that we have, sounds the loudest, greatest voice, even when the voice is not speaking.

The Shephard looks after the sheep, that is a fact that has already been proven and I want to further state that the Shephard is good to his sheep. He speaks gently to them, corrects them with sternness and love, and will give his life to protect them. That is why Jesus is further known as the Good Shephard. **John 10:**

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Goal- Leave nothing on the table

Tonight we will take another look at **Psalms 23: 1 & 5.**

Picture this. Christmas 2019 and you are sitting down to dinner with family and friends. The sampling of foods and delectables are hard to pass up as your waistline has declared "You should have worn the pants with the elastic waist. You know your come to eat in clothes." You approach the table that the host has graciously set & prepared and in expectation, you spy out what is going on your plate. You are Expecting something GOOD TO EAT!

All you had to do is show up, you may have brought one dish but the food that is being served was PREPARED with lack of sleep, and supernatural energy that only God could give.

Now a year later how different the dinner table will be, as we are hearing rumors that we are being tracked with how many can you have in your home. If the virus is present at all in the house you have to wear a mask and stay away from each other. Even though this pandemic has changed the world, how many of you have a real desire to celebrate Christ? Because we know that THE WORD OF GOD NEVER CHANGES!

He is the GOOD SHEPHERD and he is inviting you to the table.

So here we are at **Psalm 23: 1-5**—Slide 4

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

*Shepherd didn't set tables in the wilderness. They prepared for the sheep, lead them to good water and good pasture while they themselves ate on the side. Their main focus was the care of the sheep.

The roles have changed but the Shepherd didn't. The Shepherd now becomes the Provider and Host.

***Example : When I set a table**

Who set the table? Christ (the Host) sets the table for fellowship. What is the table? It is the continual developing relationship with God and those who choose to follow him.

There is a warning that I found in **1 Corinthians 10:21**-You cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: you cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of demons. *** Speaking points**

ERV-²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and then go drink a cup that honors demons. You cannot share a meal at the Lord's table and then go share a meal that honors demons. ²² Doing that would make the Lord jealous.^[a] Do you really want to do that? Do you think we are stronger than he is?

After hearing about these two tables which would you prefer to sit at?

No one grumbles going to the table in the natural because they are expecting to get their needs met. Their expectation is when they arrive the food is going to be great. This is the same way that we should approach the Lord.

You approach the natural table with anticipation, hunger thirst, and desire.

The Approach to the table—Slide 4

Anticipation- You are expecting the what's being served will be good. Your eyes are pleased with what it sees.

Hunger- **Luke 6:21**- Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Ps: 107:9-For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Desire— **Ps 38:9**-Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

Psalms 63:1-O God, you are my God; **early will I seek** you: my soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

Job 8:5-8: If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; ⁶If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. ⁷Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase. ⁸For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

Preparation—Slide 5

Thou preparest a table before me: Look how the host Jesus is working for you.

King made ready the feast: **Matthew 22: 2-4- The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,** ³And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. ⁴Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage. . The man made ready his supper

Luke 14: 16-17- Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

Notice the Host is inviting all to come forth.

Isaiah 64:4: For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Psalms 31:9-Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

So God has prepared things for us that we have not heard or understood for those who wait on him. God has something prepared for us! He starts off with a treat called **GOODNESS**

In the Presence of my enemies

Psalms 18:48- He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Proverbs 16: 7-- When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Why has the table been prepared

Life happenings

Loss of Loved Ones -Friends, Jobs Evil men that cause trouble

Becoming a caregiver unexpectedly Emotional & Mental instability

Unforgiveness Sickness

Who is at the table

1 Corinthians 6: 9-11- Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ **And such were some of you: but ye are washed**, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Among some of these were you and me. Y'all betta thank God for Salvation in Jesus Name!

Proverbs 8:17- I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.

Matthew 11:28- Come unto me, all ye that labour and are **heavy laden**, and I will give you rest.

Those who hear—**Jeremiah 31:33**- But this shall be the covenant **that I will** make with the house of Israel; After **those** days, saith the LORD, I **will** put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their **hearts**; and **will** be their God, and they shall be my people.

Hebrews 10:16- This is the covenant **that I will** make with them after **those** days, saith the Lord, I **will** put my laws into their **hearts**, and in their minds **will** I write them;

The Thirsty, the hungry, the weary and all that love the Lord are at this table

What's on the table—Slide 5

Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Our Love for God and each other - **1 John 4: 7-8**-Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

** Certain diets have great nutritional value: but we know that fruits alone will not sustanin us in the natural. So the table has to contain other foods.

Bread

The bread is the word of God- **John 6:35** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:48-51- I am the bread of life. **49**“Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50**“This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. **51**“I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

Wine

The wine is the Holy Spirit **Ephesians 5:18** says, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

For this reason, since the day we heard about it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking [**specifically**] that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [with insight into His purposes], and in understanding [of spiritual things], AMP

Oil

The oil is for the purpose of sanctification - **Ex: 30:25** And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.)

We saw in **Matthew 25: 1-13-10**- Virgins who brought enough oil and those who did not. The differences was those who went in to the Marriage ceremony and

those who did not.

While the fruit is important, however, the staple for example – in the Mediterranean diet the other staples are the bread, the oil and the wine.

That being said you can wrap up by talking about how **you can have all of the fruit, all of the oil, but without centering your meal on the bread, you'll be hungry again. Jesus said this himself in [John 6:35](#).

He also prepared and put on the table some extra special goodies.

Philippians 4:8-Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Truth- Eph4: 25 -Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Eph 6:14-Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness

Honesty--Romans 12:17- Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

ERV- If someone does you wrong, don't try to pay them back by hurting them. Try to do what everyone thinks is right.

Just— acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good: **RIGHTEOUS**-Merriam Dictionary

guided by truth, reason, justice, and fairness:

Pure-Genuine; real; true; incorrupt; unadulterated; as pure religion. James 1:27

Colossians 4:5-6-⁵ Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

⁶ Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

David points to the table but the table is designed to be set for a feast. In the presence of the enemies shows that despite you showing up everything and every where- what **God** has for me I will receive IN SPITE of your presence. Your enemy can't prevent you or me from getting to Jesus. Jesus is the living fruit of the spirit and He is the Holy Spirit in US. The good shepherd makes sure your enemy knows, they can never stop your meal. HALLUAJAH!

Final Thought: What is it that you are leaving on the table. What are you giving away Saints? Is it anyone of the things we have discussed before. We can easily slip back to where we were 8 months ago. Jesus has prepared a new season of victory. That is exciting! There are many gifts and promises on the table. God has provided, Jesus manifested it—**All we have to do is PICK IT UP!**

Overcomer

Jesus said: [John 16:33](#)

These things **I have** spoken unto you, that in me ye might **have** peace. In the world ye shall **have** tribulation: but be of good cheer; **I have overcome** the world.

[1 John 4:4](#)

Ye are of God, little children, and **have overcome** them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

[Revelation 12:11](#)

And **they** overcame him by **the blood of the Lamb**, and by **the word of their** testimony, and **they** loved not **their** lives unto **the** death.

Here is the victorious part: The enemies of your soul cannot touch you as you dine because the Shepherd, Provider, Protector, and Host because has a hedge of protection around you. Sit still, be still, stand still, and watch God work in your lives.

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