

He Prepares A Table of Provision in The Midst of The Enemy's Assault.

Psalm 23

A David Psalm

1 God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.**2** You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.**3** True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

4 Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

5 You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

6 Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

You and I, are walking through the valley of the shadow of death (spiritual death) in this life because Satan is the god of this world. Spiritual death's effects are on every side. Sin, sickness, disease, poverty are all attributes of Satan's influence. However, God wants us to remember that **He has provided a table of provision** in the midst of our trials or struggles in life. He has granted us the power and provision to overcome the enemy.

He did it for Joseph when the devil thought he had destroyed the dreamer. He did it for Job when even his best friends and family forsook him. He did it for David in his loneliest hour when he yielded to the temptations of this flesh. Yes, God's desire is to make a way through the power of His Name for His children.

To understand this passage we must understand that He has provided a table of provision through His Divine Foreknowledge into the hearts and life of each and every human being.

John 10 gives us as believer's the key to what these wonderful biblical characters had in the midst of their trials. **A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LIVING GOD. THE GOD WHO WOULD WALK WITH THEM AND TALK WITH THEM. DAVID WAS EVEN CALLED A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART.**

John 10

He Calls His Sheep by Name

1 "Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep

pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good-a sheep rustler!² The shepherd walks right up to the gate.³ The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and **the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.**⁴ When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice.⁵ They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it."

⁶ Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about.⁷ So he tried again. "I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep.⁸ All those others are up to no good-sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them.⁹ I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for-will freely go in and out, and find pasture.¹⁰ A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

The Christian learns to know the Good Shepherd's voice. He or she knows that He has no evil that He chooses to prevail in the believer's life and His ultimate intent is "LIFE" not death. His intentions are good and not evil. He loves, He doesn't hate the believer.