



## **Part 8 - How to Have a Banquet on a Battlefield**



***The Lord is my Shepherd,  
I have everything I need. He makes  
me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul. He leads me in  
the right paths for his name's sake...***

**- Psalm 23:1-5**

***...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 they comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies.***

**- Psalm 23:1-5**



**WHAT KIND OF  
PARTY IS THIS?**

*#Blessed*

“You”

- God is the Host

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“prepare a table”

- It Has Been Planned

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“prepare a table”

“for me”

- God is the Host

- It Has Been Planned

- I am the Guest of Honor



“You”

“prepare a table”

“for me”

“in the presence”

- God is the Host

- It Has Been Planned

- I am the Guest of Honor

- It's a Public Occasion



“You”

- God is the Host

“prepare a table”

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- I am the Guest of Honor

“in the presence”

- It's a Public Occasion

“of my enemies”

- It's on a Battlefield



**WHAT KIND OF  
BATTLEFIELD  
IS THIS?**



# 1. A Cultural Battlefield



***Jesus “In this world, you will have  
tribulation and trials and distress  
and frustration but take heart...  
because I have overcome the world.”***

**- John 16:33 AMP**



***Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you....***

**- 1 John 2:15-17 NLT**



***...For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions...***

**- 1 John 2:15-17 NLT**



***...These are not from the Father  
but are from this world. And this  
world is fading away, along with  
everything that people crave.  
But anyone who does what pleases  
God will live forever.***

**- 1 John 2:15-17 NLT**



## 2. A Demonic Battlefield



***Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.***

**- 1 Peter 5:8 NLT**



***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.***

**- Ephesians 6:12 NLT**



# 3. An Internal Battlefield



***There is another power within me  
that is at war with my mind.  
This power makes me a slave to the  
sin that is still within me.***

**- Romans 7:23 NLT**

**WHAT KIND OF  
BANQUET  
IS THIS?**



1. It is One of  
**Personal Fellowship**

***You welcome us with open arms  
when we run for cover to you.  
Let the party last all night!  
Stand guard over our celebration.***

**- Psalm 5:11 MSG**



***God is gently calling you from  
the jaws of distress to an open place  
of freedom where he has set your  
table full of the best food!***

**- Job 36:16 NCV**

2. It is One of  
**Divine Feasting**



***How sweet your words taste to me;  
they are sweeter than honey.***

**- Psalm 119:103 NLT**

***Learn to savor how good the Lord is!***

**- Psalm 34:8 NAB**



***How precious, O God, is your constant  
love! We find protection under the  
shadow of your wings....***

**- Psalm 36:7-9 GNB**

***...We feast on the abundant food you provide; you let us drink from the river of your goodness. You are the source of all life! And because of your light, we see the light!***

**- Psalm 36:7-9 GNB**



**3. It is One of**  
**Public Divine Favor**

***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.***

**- Psalm 31:19 NLT**



***On this mountain the Lord Almighty  
will prepare a feast of rich food for all  
peoples, a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest  
of wines...***

**- Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV**

***...On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever...***

**- Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV**



***...The Sovereign Lord will wipe away  
the tears from all faces; he will  
remove his people's disgrace from  
all the earth. The Lord has spoken...***

**- Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV**

***...In that day they will say,  
“Surely this is our God; we trusted in  
him, and he saved us. This is the Lord,  
we trusted in him; let us rejoice and  
be glad in his salvation.”***

**- Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV**