

## **"Where God Guides, God Provides!"** **- Psalm 23:5**

### **V. Our Shepherd Gives PROVISION!**

**"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup overflows with blessings."**

**There are 2 great themes/ideas in this passage of Scripture:**

1. The enemies' **HOSTILITY** - *"..in the presence of my enemies.."*
  - Ps.23:4 spoke of the Lord's protection...
  - You can tell a lot about a person by their enemies...
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2. The Lord's **HOSPITALITY** - *"You prepare a table before me.. anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows with blessings."*

### **In His Great Shepherd, David found personal PROVISION!**

- **NLT** - *"You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings."*
- **Psalm 36:6-9 NLT** - *"You care for people and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights. For you are the fountain of life.."*
- **Psalm 34:8-10 NLT** - *"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing."*
  - *"Where God guides, God provides!"*
  - *"What God ordains, God sustains!"*
  - *"When the Lord's in it, He will provide for it!"*
    - **"YHVH - Jireh"** from Gen 22 **"the Lord who SEES and will PROVIDE!"**

• Jesus has given YOU **PROVISION** in Him, right now, in your current situation!

○ **FINANCIAL Provision**

- **Phil 4:19 NLT** - *"..this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."*
- **Matt 6:33 NLT** - *"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."*

○ **RELATIONAL Provision**

- **Gen 2:21-24 NLT** - *"So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs\*—and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."*

○ **EXISTENTIAL Provision**

- **Col 1:17 NLT** - *"He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together."*

○ **SPIRITUAL Provision**

- **Gen 22:13-14 NLT** - *"Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."*
- **Eph 1:3 NLT** - *"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ."*

○ **ETERNAL Provision**

▪ **John 14:1-3 NLT** - *"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."*

- *"Nowhere is God closer to man as in Jesus Christ, and nowhere is Christ closer to us as in the Lord' Supper. By eating the bread and drinking the juice, we are called to sit with Jesus at His table; we become His invited and welcome guests. We remember His sacrifice, and we thank Him for the provision of His body & blood" - **Richard Baxter***