

# TABLE TALK

## Psalm 23

To set out food was a gesture of hospitality

Gen. 18:1-8

Ex. 2:18-20

To do so in front of someone (especially an enemy) would publicly establish the relationship that exists between host (in this case God) and the guest (the psalmist).

**JESUS INVITED YOU HERE. BOOKED THE TABLE. PREPARED THE MEAL. SAT DOWN TO JOIN YOU. AND THIS RESERVATION COST HIM EVERYTHING.”**

Don't you let the devil tell you that you don't belong at the table. The table was prepared for you.

The image of Yahweh as a protective shepherd-king is seen here.

2 Sam. 9:7

2 Kin. 25:27-30

It don't make sense, but God.

God doesn't need anyone's permission to bless you.

The table prepared was prepared for you, not the enemy. Don't allow him to dictate what happens at the table.

He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. **John 10:10**

Even though .....I will.

**Habbakuk 3:17-18**

Wouldn't it make sense that he would put the table in His presence.

**The devil will do everything he can to convince you that every other table is better. He'll do everything he can to distract you from God's table.**

**You're coming into your season. It's time to tell the enemy that His time is up, to get up from your table and find another table.**

**He will do everything he can to convince you that you don't belong at the table.**

**Condemnation comes from guilt.  
Conviction is born out of grace.**

**Condemnation leads you to conceal your sin.  
Conviction urges you to confess it.**

**Condemnation results in remorse (feeling bad about what you did).  
Conviction calls you to repentance (turning to go the other way).**

**Condemnation prompts you to rededicate.  
Conviction demands full surrender.**

**Condemnation is a path to future failure.  
Conviction is a highway to real change.**

**He does not deserve time at your table.**

**Don't give the devil a seat at your table.**

**"You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over" (NKJV).**

**The oily head part doesn't make much sense if you don't know much about sheep.**

**The biggest enemy for a sheep wasn't the big, bad wolf (although wolves were a threat, for sure) but tiny parasites and flies.**

**The flies would attempt to lay their eggs in the soft tissue of the sheep's nose.**

**Can you imagine trying to breathe with a breeding factory for flies in your nostrils?**

**The parasites would lodge themselves in the wool around the sheep's eyes and face, causing skin disease and irritation.**

**So the shepherd would cover the sheep's head in oil.**

**The oil provided a protective shield that prevented these irritants from finding safe harbor in the wool around the sheep's face and nose.**

**God, through His Word, wants to protect you from aggravation, lies, and deceit.**