

BLESSED IN THE PRESENCE OF HATERS!

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**You and I are like sheep and we desperately need a shepherd,
and that shepherd is the Lord.**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though 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 before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)***

**Haters are not in our lives to defeat us, but to promote us.
Opposition is not meant to stop us, but to establish us.**

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Psalm 23:5 (ESV)***

*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 23:5 (NLT)***

*You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. **Psalm 23:5 (MSG)***

Provision, Protection, Personal Attention, Prosperity.

1. Our Shepherd (Jesus) offers us PROVISION.

*You **prepare a table before me** in the presence of my enemies;
Psalm 23:5a (ESV)*

*They spoke against God, saying, "Can God **spread a table** in the wilderness?"
Psalm 78:19 (ESV)*

People are resources, but God is your source.

2. Our Shepherd (Jesus) offers us PROTECTION.

*You **prepare a table before me** in the presence of my enemies;
Psalm 23:5a (ESV)*

3. Our Shepherd (Jesus) offers us PERSONAL ATTENTION.

*You **anoint my head** with oil; Psalm 23:5b (ESV)*

4. Our Shepherd (Jesus) offers us PROSPERITY.

*My cup **overflows**. Psalm 23:5c (ESV)*

