

Sheepish (Life Lessons from Psalm 23): ABUNDANCE

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Psalm 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 4 Yea, 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. (NKJV)

What can we learn from verse 5?

1. WE HAVE AN ENEMY

v.5 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...”

Eph 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Luke 22:31-32

31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail."

We have an enemy but...

2. HE HAS BEEN DEFEATED

v.5 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...”

Mesa: The shepherd prepares the mesa (Table)

Jesus has prepared our table (Lord's Table) because He has gone before us.

The enemy is defeated and...

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

v.5 “... You anoint my head with oil...”

Oil symbolizes: - The Holy Spirit

John 16:7

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Since we have the Holy Spirit...

4. WE CAN LIVE IN ABUNDANCE

v.5 “... My cup runs over.”

Isa 61:3

[The Lord has anointed me] to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

HOMEWORK

- Memorize verse 5 (write it out)
- Begin each day asking the Holy Spirit to anoint you with His presence.
- Make a “cup runs over” list.