

## **THE BANQUET FOR THE WORN AND WEARY**

### **Psalm 23 - Part 8**

*“You prepare a banquet for me while my enemies watch. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows”*  
(Psalm 23:5 GW).

#### **WHAT KIND OF BANQUET IS THIS?**

- God is the Host
- It is Well-planned
- I am the Guest of Honor
- It is in Public, Not in Secret
- It is on a Battlefield

#### **WHAT FORCES OPPOSE GOD’S BEST FOR ME?**

##### **1. The World Is Around Me**

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

*“Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, who is your great enemy”* (1 Peter 5:8 LB).

*“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world...”* (Ephesians 6:12 NLT).

##### **3. My Old Nature Is Inside Me**

*“But 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 DOES THIS BANQUET SYMBOLIZE?**

##### **1. God Wants and Welcomes Fellowship with Me!**

*“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. God Wants to Bless Me to Show the World His Goodness!**

*“How great is Your goodness that You have stored up for those who fear You, that You have given to those who trust You. You do this for all to see”* (Psalm 31:19 NCV).

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### **WHAT IS ON THE MENU?**

#### **Everything God Has Promised in His Word!**

*“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. 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 TEV).*

#### **ONE DAY: THE GREATEST BANQUET OF ALL!**

*“The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of the finest food for all peoples... (He) will wipe away the tears from all faces...Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation!” (Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV).*