

HOW GOD LIFTS YOU UP WHEN YOU ARE WORN DOWN

Enjoying the Goodness of God – Part 8

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You prepare a banquet for me while my enemies watch. – Psalm 23:5a GW

WHAT KIND OF BANQUET IS THIS?

- God is the host. “You”
- I am the guest of honor. “for me”
- It’s on the battlefield. “while my enemies watch”

WHAT FORCES OPPOSE GOD’S BEST FOR ME?

1. The world around me

In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous; I have overcome the world. – John 16:33 AMP

2. Satan and his demons

The devil is your enemy, and he goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to attack and eat. – 1 Peter 5:8 ERV

Our fight is not against people on earth. ...We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places. – Eph. 6:12 ERV

3. My old nature within me

I truly delight in God’s commands, but it’s pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. – Rom. 7:23 MSG

WHAT DOES THIS BANQUET SYMBOLIZE?

1. God desires and pursues fellowship with me.

But you’ll welcome us with open arms when we run for cover to you. Let the party last all night! Stand guard over our celebration. You are famous, GOD, for welcoming God-seekers, for decking us out in delight. – Psalm 5:11-12 MSG

“God is gently calling you from the jaws of trouble 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

What a stack of blessings you have piled up for those who worship you, ready and waiting for all who run to you to escape an unkind world. – Psalm 31:19 MSG

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

➤ **Everything God has promised in His Word.**

Your words are so choice, so tasty; I prefer them to the best home cooking. – Psalm 119:103 MSG

Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good GOD is. – Psalm 34:8 MSG

God, your love is so precious! You protect people in the shadow of your wings. They eat the rich food in your house, and you let them drink from your river of pleasure. You are the giver of life. Your light lets us enjoy life. – Psalm 36:7-9 NCV

ONE DAY: THE GREATEST BANQUET OF ALL!

The LORD All-Powerful will give a feast for all the people on this mountain. At the feast, there will be the best foods and wines. The meat will be good and tender, the wine pure and clear. But now there is a veil covering all nations and all people. This veil is called “death.” But death will be destroyed forever. And the Lord GOD will wipe away every tear from every face. In the past, all of his people were sad, but God will take away that sadness from the earth. All of this will happen because the LORD said it would. At that time people will say, “Here is our God! He is the one we have been waiting for. He has come to save us. We have been waiting for our LORD. So we will rejoice and be happy when he saves us.” – Is. 25:6-9 ERV