

A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23

You Prepare A Table Before Me In The Presence Of My Enemies

Chapter Nine

Verse 5 from missionary Bob Burgess; a personal translation:

And even when my enemies surround me and are watching every move I make, You set up a table and receive me as an honored guest, at a banquet of exotic foods. My cup of joy is full and overflowing.

1. What three preparations does a shepherd make for the arrival of the sheep in the high summer ranges?

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2. What are the parallels in the Christian life to the above three points?

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3. Choose one of the above parallels that speaks most strongly to you. Describe how Christ's preparations on your behalf might change your perspective as you walk through life.

4. The author states that God "longs to see me living above the mundane level of common humanity." That He is "pleased when I..."
 - "...walk in the ways of holiness,"
 - "...of selflessness,"
 - "...of serene contentment in His care,"
 - "...aware of His presence"
 - "...and enjoying the intimacy of His companionship."

Describe how you can improve your walk of faith in each of these areas: