

## HE SETS A TABLE

David describes this table:

**Psalm 23:5:** *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

QUESTION: Why? Why not alone in a corner?

### 1. He desires we focus on the table, not on our enemy:

- Who /what is an enemy?

**Psalm 3 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup>*A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom. O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! <sup>2</sup>Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." <sup>3</sup>But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. <sup>4</sup>To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. <sup>5</sup>I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. <sup>6</sup>I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side. <sup>7</sup>Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. <sup>8</sup>From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people.*

- His table is a table of grace, a table of salvation, and a table of deliverance!

### 2. He desires we see the COMPLETENESS of this table; He has set as well as it can be set.

- We can look at this table in the presence of our enemies and wipe it clean, reset it and put on it whatever we want. IF YOU DO then it becomes your table, in the presence of your enemies, and that table has no GRACE on it.

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)** <sup>6</sup>*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

### 3. He desires that we sit at the table with peace in our hearts and trust in Him.

- **Job on the "ash heap".....** He doesn't understand what is happening, but he confirms God's activity in his life and trust Him to do what is best.

**Psalm 37:1-6 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup>*Of David. Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; <sup>2</sup>for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. <sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. <sup>4</sup>Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: <sup>6</sup>He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.*

### 4. He calls you to the table by NAME:

**John 10:1-4 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup>*"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. <sup>3</sup>The watchman opens the gate for him and the sheep listen to his voice. **He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

**Revelation 2:17 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup>*He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.*

He will personally give you a NEW NAME, one that He and only you know. It will be uniquely your name, and it will describe something uniquely divine about yourself. He will call you by that name to the **"TABLE OF THE LAMB."**

- **Thanksgiving:** Pull up a chair of "thanksgiving" and enjoy the table He has set before you!