

## **Psalm 23 - *You Prepare a Table***

In the Ancient Near East kings were often called the shepherds of their people. A king invited his most honored associates to live in his palace. Such a king spread out rich banquet tables at which the members of his court could feast.

The most natural and intimate way of expressing common fellowship is at the table through a meal. It is an emblem of hospitality and trust.

In the NT, Jesus' meals sent a clear message to the people of His day concerning His desire for God's reconciling action in Him. This was to be extended to all people because Jesus ate with people of every class.

In this scene we find ourselves in a great King's banquet hall, God fills our lives with such a smorgasbord of blessings. The word "table" here is synonymous with "feast;" and the meaning is, "you provide for my wants."

The Lord, earlier was presented as the Good Shepherd, here He appears as the generous Host.

Today, Jesus is still present with His body and blood which come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. The Lord's Supper is often called a foretaste of the Feast to come in heaven.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for Your Holy Supper where I am reminded that my sins are all forgiven and where my faith is strengthened. Help me to come often and well prepared to this sacred Sacrament. Amen.