

**Psalms 23 Our Good Shepherd
How He Welcomes
Psalm 23:5-6**

When the shepherd welcomes us to the table that He has prepared in the presence of our enemies, this encourages us to trust in His provisions.

You prepare a table before me

In the presence of my enemies

You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows

Surely your goodness and love will follow me

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

Forever

The Methodist minister Gaebelein suggest reading the psalm by asking, What do I lack?

Rest -	for He makes me lie down in green pastures.
Peace -	for He leads me beside still waters.
Forgiveness -	for He restores my soul.
Guidance -	for He leads me in righteous paths.
Companionship -	for He is with me.
Comfort -	for His rod and staff comfort me.
Food -	for He prepares a table for me.
Protection -	for He does so in the presence of my enemies.
Acceptance -	for He anoints my head with oil.
Abundance -	for He makes my cup overflow.
Grace -	for He makes goodness and mercy follow me.
Security -	for He makes me dwell in His house forever.