

AM BETHANY
Text: Psalm 23

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*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.*

Psalm 23:5

1. Note Change of imagery

- a) This is a reference to an ancient practice in the Middle East
- b) The visitor is given a full welcome by the host
- c) It comes with protection from enemies

2. A table

- a) Reference to food and drink
- b) Refreshment for the weary traveler is truly a welcome sight

3. In the presence of my enemies

- a) The visitor may have enemies after him
- b) But when he enters into the house of his host the enemies cannot attack him
- c) The host is bound by honour to give full protection to his guest

4. The provision

- a) Oil to anoint the head
- b) My cup runs over
 - i) Ample provision of food and drink
 - ii) The guest would want for nothing

THE LORD'S PROTECTION AND PROVISION

- 1. The Lord's Protection Psalm 121
- 2. The Lord's Provision Psalm 85