

# 22-1116 - A Table Prepared - Aaron Roberts

## PSALM 23:1-6

1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## 1) JOHN 12:1-11

» 1 † ¶ Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

» 2 † There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

» 3 † Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

» 4 † Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

» 5 † Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

» 6 † This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

» 7 † Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

» 8 † For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

» 9 † Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

» 10 † But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

» 11 † Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

## 2) I SAMUEL 14:22-33

» 22 † Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

» 23 † So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.

» 24 † ¶ And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

» 25 † And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

» 26 † And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

» 27 † But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

» 28 † Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

» 29 † Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

» 30 † How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

» 31 † And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

» 32 † And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

» 33 † Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

### 3) I SAMUEL 14:42-46

» 42 † And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

» 43 † Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die.

» 44 † And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

» 45 † And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

» 46 † Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

### 4) II SAMUEL 9:1

» 1 † ¶ And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

» 2 † And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

» 3 † And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

» 4 † And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

» 5 † Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

» 6 † Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

» 7 † And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

» 8 † And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

» 9 † ¶ Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

» 10 † Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

» 11 † Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

» 12 † And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

» 13 † So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

### 5) 59-0415A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA WEDNESDAY\_

« E-21 † Now, in the Orient, when the--there was to be a wedding, what taken place, the king set the time for his son's wedding. And then it was the son's duty to give out the invitations. And no one could come to that supper without an invitation.

And I don't believe that there has ever been a man or a woman that ever walked into a church, or come in the Presence of God without they were given an invitation to this supper. Now, you can take it or you can turn it down. That's up to you.

Some people goes to church year after year, and day after day, revival after revival, and still will not accept that invitation. They don't mean to turn it down, but they just neglect doing it.

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« E-22 † Did you notice, one had something to do. He'd bought a piece of ground. The other one had bought some ox, and he must go try them. Not like he wouldn't try the ox before he bought them. You see, it's just, it's just an excuse.

And I know that all you ministers and so forth, and businessmen, and tract works, and so forth, you all find those things. People's got excuses. "I--I've just got to stay home tonight. I can't attend the revival." Just remember, God said they'd do that. They're turning down their invitation.

« E-23 † Now, let's look at it again. And one, he'd did this, his wife wouldn't let him come. And--and that's another excuse. There should be nothing stand between us and that invitation. If it cost a yoke of ox, or your business, or your--your wife, or your children, or anything, nothing should separate us from that invitation. God's called you to His harvest field, or to do something for Him, there should be nothing stand between you and God. It must come first. The invitation, given out...

« E-24 † Now, when the invitations was given out, the excuses was made. Then back they come and said, "They won't come." Now, if you notice, the last time that He sent them out, was to go into the hedges, and highways, and byways, get the lame, halt, and blind, and compel them to come in. For God is determined that His table will not be set, and there'll be nobody there. God wants His tables full. The fatlings has been killed. Everything's been fixed and everything's ready. And if you'll notice, the last great message that was to go, was to go into the highways and byways.

Now, I like that about this little church here, feeding the poor, taking in the lame, the halt, the withered, praying for the sick and... I reading this little sign here, what give me the idea. "And the lame shall walk," it said. Certainly. The last calling and the last invitation was a great time to sweep across the country in Divine healing. That was the last. And we're winding up the end of that, just pulling in the loose ends right now. So how close is the coming of the Lord?

Go into the hedges and byways. Bring them in, compel them to come. Bring in the lame, the halt, the blind. They had the healing service.

The healing service for Divine healing is--is never the principle of any meeting. It shouldn't be. We don't just take the service for healing only. As Brother Bosworth used to say, "Divine healing is like the bait on a hook. You don't show the fish the hook; you show him the bait. And he grabs the bait and gets the hook." So that's the way it is about Divine healing; it brings the people together, and then the hook is the Gospel that catches the fishes for God's Kingdom.

#### 6) 63-0707M THE.INDICTMENT\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-19 SUNDAY\_

« 192 † Remember last night, at the wedding... Or, the other time I preached here. At the wedding supper, they said how they said. "I've made a great feast, and so forth. And all these men, I've bid them, and each one had an excuse. 'I can't do it, because it would ruin our creeds. I can't come, because I have my... I've married a wife; she won't let me come. My, I--I got married to a church down here. My mother was Methodist, or Baptist, or a Catholic, or Prote-... I just can't stand for That.'"

193 He said, "And you won't come. And you won't taste My supper! But get out there and compel prostitutes and harlots, and drunkards, and whatever there is. Bring them in, and I'll straighten them up. I've made My supper, and My--My guests... My table is set, and there is going to be somebody there." They didn't come. He was condemning them Jews.

194 What about today? "I--I--I belong to the Presbyterian. I--I can't. I'm Methodist, Lutheran. I'm a oneness. I'm a twoness. I'm a this. I can't. I can't." There you are. You won't be there then! That's exactly what He said. All right.

#### 7) 63-0113E PERSEVERANCE\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY\_

« 204 † O Heavenly Father, look at those crumb-seeking Gentiles. Times hasn't changed yet, Lord. They've heard. They've heard that You heal the sick. They've heard that You fill with the Holy Spirit. You give rest to the weary. O God, grant that these there tonight is crying like that precious little lady of many days ago, "Lord, truly we're not worthy to receive the blessings like thy people, Israel, but we only seek a crumb that falls from the Master's table."

205 And tonight we have showed the great Food that You've fed Your Church. And tonight we have not only crumbs, but we're invited to the table. We don't really have to take the crumbs, but we're glad to get them. But we're invited

to the table, tonight. "Jesus has His table spread where all the saints of God are fed. He invites His chosen people to come and dine." Grant, tonight, Father, that each one who has a need, that need will be met.

8) 55-0123A THE.APPROACH.TO.GOD\_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY\_

« E-31 † So he took the burnt sacrifice and made an offering for his children. He sacrificed for each and every one of his children, that maybe... Listen, see, maybe they had sinned. Maybe they never sinned around Job. Maybe he didn't know nothing about it. But knowing that they were out in the world alone...

I tell you; what we need today is more good, old fashioned praying mothers and daddy's for their children. If we had that, would be the greatest support to do away with juvenile delinquency I know of. First, give me old fashion mothers and daddy's who pray for their children.

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« E-32 † Looky here, boy or girl, this afternoon. If you've got a mother or dad like that, the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart, that's your mothers prayers you're walking over the top of. Remember that. And you'll never prosper at all till you turn and surrender yourself to Christ. That's right.

Now, Job said, "They may have sinned." So he offered the best that he had, all that he knowed, because that's all the approach he had to God. So he killed one lamb for his own approach. He killed another one for one boy, and another one for another one, making a burnt sacrifice for each one to have a way of approach to God. God seen the honesty and sincerity.