

## **Biblical Manhood: Thanksgiving**

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***

This verse may seem a little odd for Thanksgiving but stick with me. "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies", this verse has the potential to change the narrative of our pasts. Many believers are struggling with their pasts because they had situations that didn't line up to their expectations so they ended up brushing it under the carpet so they don't have to think about it. We have just thought it's enough to keep following God but this resonating doubt from yesterday will affect your tomorrow. We have to deal with our broken pasts to go whole into our future.

What if your past trials weren't attacks from satan but the Good Shepherd leading you to a table with your enemies? Your enemies want to make you fail. They're hoping you fall. Why would God do this? Promotion comes from authority, but it usually only comes after you have overcome a trial. God knew you wouldn't die there, so He brought you to this place of destiny, not to lose but, for promotion to the next level. If we can open ourselves up to understand that God is working something in us that is bigger than us, maybe we can come to peace, not with understanding it, but understanding that He is the author and finisher of our faith and is creating us for something bigger. The table with your enemies is the same location God will use to anoint and bless you.

It's time we dig up these past memories and open up the possibility that maybe it wasn't God leaving us, rather it was God allowing us to come forth as our greatest self. The goal is not comfort but Christlikeness.

### **P2R (Point 2 Remember):**

Thanksgiving flows when you identify that everything, the good and the bad, is a gift that comes down from the Father of Lights and He is working it towards your good.