



# DIVINE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Psalm 23:5 [KJV]

**5 You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.**

Psalm 23:5 [CEV]

The word “opportunity” is derived from the word “opportune.” “Opportune” means *occurring at a fitting time; conveniently presented; presented timely; suitable*. “Opportunity” means *rare, or an occasion offering possibilities*.

I like to look at divine opportunities as *opportunities that come from divinity or opportunities that come from God*.

Therefore, when we speak of divine opportunities, we mean that God is going to provide occasions that will offer you possibilities. No matter what the situation may be, God will provide occasions that offer what I refer to as “limitless possibilities.”

## God Will Always Provide Limitless Opportunities

Verse 5 says that God prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies. A “table” or a “feast” is that occasion that offers limitless possibilities. It is God who prepares the table. This tells me that God will always provide opportunities. Why I’m so sure that God will always provide opportunities is because “...the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” [Psalms 33:6]. The goodness of the Lord are divine opportunities. Maybe you don’t want to stay in Nigeria or wherever it is you live anymore because things are too tough. Well, instead of focusing on the things that are considered to be tough, I choose to believe the report of the Lord. And what the

report of the Lord says to me is that the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. This means that there are opportunities in the earth for all. As long as you are on the earth, the goodness of the Lord is provided for you irrespective of where you live.

In Psalm 23:5, the word “prepares” shows that God took out time to do it. God has taken out His time to prepare the job, the contracts or whatever it is you desire, for you. Preparation is not something that is an after thought. It is something somebody gives their thought to. God took out time to prepare a table for you. Let me tell you without mincing words: the opportunities that God is providing for you, He has taken out His time to prepare them so that they will be suited for you as an individual.

Maybe as a businessman you bid for a contract in one of the Oil Producing firms and God told you that the contract was for you. But you got to know that some other “bigger” oil service companies also bid for the same contract. And you got worried and complained, “Lord, I thought you told me that you prepared this contract for me?” Yes, He did. He prepares opportunities before you in the presence of your enemies. Go ahead and do what He asked you to do. That is how God operates.

Don’t you ever be afraid of oppositions

because oppositions only help to take you where you are going. As a child of God, you should never be afraid of challenges. Rather rise up to the challenges that confront you, knowing that it is an occasion for limitless possibilities to be displayed.

## Opportunities or Enemies

The fact that there are divine opportunities does not rule out the presence of enemies. When God wanted David to shine, He created opportunities for him when he was just seventeen years old [1 Samuel 17]. The first opportunity was to have him face the lion and the bear. The next one was when his father sent him to take food to his brothers at the battle field. He did not know that it was his Heavenly Father who was preparing an opportunity for him in the presence of the enemy called Goliath. “Goliath” means, *the one that denudes*. He strips his enemies naked. But that day, the story was turned around. It became an occasion for God to make David shine. I can imagine David going over Psalm 23 in his mind. Even when King Saul thought he was not old enough to be a soldier, David’s spirit said, “This is an occasion for limitless possibilities and I am going to rise to the occasion.” This is one example of an opportunity God provided in the presence of the enemy.

Imagine God providing a feast of assorted

food for you. But as you begin to eat, you suddenly start considering the enemies that are gathered around you. Then you begin to cry to God about the enemies. That is what a lot of Christians and some pastors do. They always make you fight with your enemies when God is telling you stop looking at the enemies and eat!

What have the enemies to do with the feast He has prepared for you? Jesus spoiled principalities and powers many years ago [Colossians 2:15]. But the enemies still try to see if you know who you are.

If you are in business and you think you can't succeed without giving bribes, because the country is corrupt, then you are facing the enemy rather than "eating."



He prepareth a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

### God's Favour: A Great Weapon Against The Enemy

In Psalms 23:5, the psalmist says, "...thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

In the Old Testament, there were two main types of anointing. One was the Oriental perfume anointing. The other anointing was the anointing with which priests and kings were anointed. The anointing the psalmist speaks of here is the first one: the Oriental perfume anointing. It is the type Jesus was anointed with precious ointment from the alabaster box [Mark 14:1-6]. There are two things that this anointing shows. It shows favour and excellent hospitality. We'll touch briefly on favour.

When God provides opportunities for you, you shouldn't focus on the enemy because it is not the strength of the enemies that will determine whether you make good use of the opportunities or not, rather it is His favour. God feeds you not because you deserve it, but because you are righteous and His favour came upon you when you got saved. It is His favour, not the enemy that determines whether or not you make good use of the opportunities.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalm 51:12 [KJV]

Since you are the righteous of the Lord, you are surrounded with favour. When God looks at you on all sides He sees favour. When people who are supposed to give you what God has prepared for you look at you, instead of seeing you naturally, they will see the favour of the Lord on you. Whichever way you turn, they will see favour all around you. They will say, "I don't know why, but I just like this man." It is God's favour. Walking in the light of God's favour is a great weapon against the enemy. Proverbs 16:15 says, "*In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.*"

The latter rain is the rain that falls just before the harvest. It brings in the harvest. When God's favour is upon you, then you will experience the end result of the seeds you have sown - your harvest.

### The Result of God's Favour

The result of God's favour is that your cup overflows [Psalms 23:6]. God cannot host you and you have insufficiency. There will always be more than enough. The psalmist says "...my cup runneth over." The Bible says that by having all sufficiency you can abound unto every good work [2 Corinthians 9:8]. You cannot abound unto every good work if you always have insufficiency.

What Jesus always does is that when He starts with you at the point of insufficiency, He finishes with you with more than enough. At the feeding of the five thousand He told the disciples to gather up the remnants so that nothing will be lost [Matthew 14:20]. He will lift you to the point of limitless possibilities. Like the lepers who went into the camp of the enemy and after they had eaten and taken the spoil of the enemy went to the king and told him the good news so everyone in the nation could partake of the abundance, so God is taking you to the point of overflow [2 Kings 7:9-16]. Someone may ask what you are going to do with all the wealth. You need to understand that there are people out there preaching the gospel. That is why God wants to take you to the point of overflow. If you started with 30 fold God wants to move you to 60 fold. If you started at 60 fold, He wants to move you to 100 fold. And if you are at 100 fold, He wants to move you to the point of overflow!

God creates limitless opportunities before you. He is the one who teaches you to profit [Isaiah 48:17]. That means He is the one who holds you up. Have you ever heard that anyone turned His hands? When He reaches out to favour you, no man can turn His outstretched hand towards you. If a man lifts you up he might become tired and drop you but God will hold you up. He never gets tired. Hallelujah!

As we approach this New Year, be ready for and be sensitive to opportunities that God will bring your way because He will surely bring them your way. These opportunities will offer you limitless possibilities that will result in your plenty and prosperity!

*Compliments of the season!*

