



# The Word at Work

## God Prepares A Table For Us

### In the Presence of Our Enemies

#### Reading the Word

**Key Scriptures:** Psalm 27:1-8; 23:5

#### **Key Points:**

The river flows *from* the *sanctuary*.  
The river flows *to* the *street*.

The source of the river is the sanctuary, the place we go to seek God's face. His face speaks of:

- Intimate fellowship
- Overflowing favour

The outpouring of God's Spirit (*the river*) is connected to the favour of *God's face* (Ezekiel 39:29).

In Ps.27, David *desires* to seek God's face but also has to *determine* to seek God's face.

What sometimes stops us from seeking God's face? Our enemies!

**The enemies of our soul** are not people, and not even always direct demonic attack or the circumstances of life. Our enemies are the thought patterns, attitudes, doubts, fears etc. that circumstances and feelings can cause.

We have a promise from God that he has prepared a table (of fellowship) for us in the very presence of these enemies (Psalm 23:5)

This table speaks of:

1. Fellowship (friendship)
2. Feast
3. Favour

We come away from the table knowing more of God and knowing that he is good!! And those who know God overcome the enemy (Daniel 11:32)

The very enemies that try to prevent you from seeking God's face will be overcome by us seeking God's face.

How do we help ourselves to get into God's presence and seek his face?

1. be motivated by these truths, e.g. of Psalm 23:8
2. be determined as David was (Ps.27:8)
3. be active by talking yourself into the presence of God (Ps.27:1-6)

*You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.*  
Psalm 23:5 (NLT)

#### Doing the Word

##### **To Discuss:**

1. What are some of the enemies we face that can hinder us from seeking God's face?
2. Think about times that you spent time in God's presence – what did you do to get you to that place and how did it help you?

##### **To Do:**

1. Determine that everyday this week you will talk yourself into the presence of God and spend time at his table!

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