



I. REVIEW/INTRO

Psalm 23:4-6 (NKJV) ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A. Sound bites from the first two weeks

- The table for two
 - Even though ... I will
- May I join you?
 - The enemy wants a seat at your table, and his chair is a thought

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

1 Peter 1:13 (NKJV) Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

- The loins are the center of pro-creative power

B. Words paint pictures

- The more words you have, the clearer the image becomes

Proverbs 18:21 (MSG) Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

II. THE FOOD FIGHT

A. The table that God prepares is good

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT) For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

- The enemy wants a seat at your table, and his chair is a thought

B. The first temptation in the garden was a temptation to eat

Genesis 2:16 (NIV) ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 3:1 (NIV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

- You are free to – You must not



- C. The devil tempted Jesus with food (Matthew 4)
 - The temptation to make stones bread was a temptation to substitute
 - The enemy wants a seat at your table, and his chair is a thought, but he needs your cooperation
- D. The devil looks for a reaction

Matthew 6:24 (NLT) “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

Matthew 6:25-27 (NLT) ²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

Matthew 6:28-30 (NLT) ²⁸ “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT) ³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

III. QUESTIONS FROM THE GARDEN THAT ARE STILL BEING ASKED

- A. In the garden God asked two questions
 - Where are you, and who told you that you were naked?
 - The enemy would like us to believe that not only have we *done* something wrong – we *are* something wrong
- B. Just because something seems too good to be true doesn’t mean it’s impossible

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.