

THE BLESSINGS IN THE VALLEY

Psalm 23:5-6

“There can be more power and blessings in the valley than on the mountain top”

“The mountain top is just the culmination of the power and blessings in the valley”

Psalms 23:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with
oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love
will pursue me all the days of my life, and
I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

The feast is our provision in the
valley; God's promise to take care of
us

Philippians 4:19 And this same God
who takes care of me will supply all
your needs from his glorious riches,
which have been given to us in Christ

Philippians 4:14-18 - ¹⁴ Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty. ¹⁵ As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. ¹⁶ Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

¹⁷ I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. ¹⁸ At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

To be blessed in the valley, you must be a blessing
in the valley

Luke 6:38 - ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you.
They will pour into your lap a good measure—
pressed down, shaken together and running over
[with no space left for more]. For with the standard
of measurement you use [when you do good to
others], it will be measured to you in return.”

Sometimes we must praise and worship by faith; we are trusting alone in God's promises.

Psalm 31:19 - ¹⁹ How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.

Isaiah 41:17-20

¹⁷ “When the poor and needy search for water and there is none and their tongues are parched from thirst, then I, the Lord, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will never abandon them. ¹⁸ I will open up rivers for them on the high plateaus. I will give them fountains of water in the valleys. I will fill the desert with pools of water. Rivers fed by springs will flow across the parched ground.

¹⁹ I will plant trees in the barren desert—
cedar, acacia, myrtle, olive, cypress,
fir, and pine. ²⁰ I am doing this so all who
see this miracle will understand what it
means—that it is the Lord who has done
this, the Holy One of Israel who created it

Psalms 92:10 (AMP) - ¹⁰ But
my horn [my emblem of
strength and power] You have
exalted like that of a wild ox; I
am anointed with fresh oil [for
Your service].

God has not anointed you to
survive the valley; He has
anointed you to thrive in the
valley.

2 Chronicles 16:9 - ⁹ The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war.”

God is actually looking,
actively looking, to show
Himself strong and to impart
that strength, but only to
those who truly desire it