

# Guided by a cloud 9 (Exodus 13:21-22)

I'm sure most of you will have listened to 'The UK Blessing' which has had over 2.4 million views and brings together a number of blessings from God. You may like to listen to it again ['The UK blessing'](#)

It has prompted Gillian to think of other blessings mentioned in the bible such as:

**Psalm 29:11, Philippians 4:6-7, Isaiah 41:10-12, Jeremiah 17:7-8**

One that I have felt particularly blessed by is the passage in **Ezekiel 34:25-31**

*<sup>25</sup> "I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. <sup>26</sup> I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. <sup>29</sup> I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. <sup>30</sup> Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>31</sup> You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD."*

I was struck by the way in which God promised to look after and provide for His people. We might not be in danger from wild animals but we are his people and he continues to provide for us and pour out his blessing on us.



## Communion

The passage in Ezekiel starts by God saying he will make a covenant of peace with his people. As we come to take communion this morning we are reminded that Jesus brought a new covenant. We know that when Jesus offered up his body on the cross and poured out his blood it was so that we might be forgiven of our sins, he was establishing the New Covenant.

**Luke 22:19-20** "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood' "

As we take our bread this morning 'together apart' we do so in the knowledge that we are all joined together by the sacrifice that Jesus made, we are all part of his family, we are no longer strangers and aliens but members of the household of God.

**Pray:** Lord as we take this bread this morning we thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today. That your face would shine on us and as we receive your blessings we would look for ways to share your goodness and love with others. Amen

**Sing:** [Blessed be your name](#)

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you" 1Peter 5:7