

# Hope

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## Lamentations 3:21-23 (English Standard Version)

*<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

1. Hope: expectation
2. The mercies of the Lord will never come to an end
3. The mercies of the Lord are new every morning! We have a fresh start every morning!

## Psalms 23:1-4 and 6 (Amplified Bible)

*The LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters. <sup>3</sup> He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort and console me.*

*<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house and in the presence of the LORD.*

1. **I shall not want: I shall not be in need.** The provides for me.
2. **He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters:** I will find my rest and peace in the Lord.
3. **Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me:** I can go through the troubles of life, even with death, in peace because The Lord is with me. The Lord will lead and comfort me.
4. **Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life.**  
The Lord's goodness and mercy will follow (come after) me for all of my life.
5. **And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house and in the presence of the LORD.**  
I shall live forever in the presence of the Lord (both now and in the future).