

Sermon Title: The Lord is My Shepherd
Sermon Series: Gospel-Directed Worship
Scripture: Psalm 23
Speaker: Pastor Mike Barnhart



Psalm 23 ESV

A PSALM OF DAVID.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Even 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.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Because the Lord is your shepherd, you shall not want.

1. The Lord will _____ for you.

Psalm 23:1 ESV

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John 10:27–28 ESV

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Psalm 23:2 ESV

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

John 6:32–33 ESV

32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:35 ESV

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

John 4:14 ESV

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Psalm 23:3 ESV

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Psalm 42:11 ESV

11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

2. The Lord will _____ you.

Psalm 23:4 ESV

4 Even 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.

Joshua 1:9 ESV

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Jeremiah 1:8 ESV

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

Psalm 91:1–2 ESV

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

3. The Lord will fulfill His _____ to you.

Psalm 23:5 ESV

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 23:6 ESV

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 84:10 ESV

10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Jesus is our Shepherd.

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Pray together.

2. Read Psalm 23.

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3. What comfort does this psalm provide you? Why?

4. What do the various metaphors for God teach us about his character?

5. What does this psalm tell you about God being your ultimate provider? Your protector? How does this truth help you in life?

6. In what ways does this psalm convey that God will fulfill his promises? How does that affect your faith?

7. In what ways has God designed the local church to be one of the primary means through which he shepherds us?

8. What lies would Satan have you believe about God when you experience danger and dark valleys? What substitutes for God does Satan tempt you to believe you need? How do you defeat those lies and trust that God is with you?

9. How do Christ's life, death, and resurrection confirm that God will fulfill the promises he makes in Psalm 23?

10. Pray with one another.