

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Psalm 23

August 16, 2026

I. The Shepherd’s Provision (V. 1-3)

II. The Shepherd’s Protection (V. 4)

III. The Shepherd’s Presence (V. 5-6)

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. David writes "I shall not want" as a declaration about who his shepherd is, not a description of his circumstances. What would it look like for you to receive that as a present reality rather than a future hope?
2. The psalm shifts from talking *about* God to talking *to* God at exactly the moment the valley arrives. Where in your life right now do you need to make that same shift — from describing God to speaking directly to him?
3. Philip Keller notes that a sheep lying down is a sheep whose every anxiety has been addressed by the shepherd's care. What specific anxiety do you need to bring to the shepherd this week?
4. *Radaph* — the word translated "follow" in verse 6 — is the word for relentless pursuit. How does knowing that God's goodness and covenant love are actively pursuing you change the way you see the season you are currently in?