

WOMEN IN THE WORD
FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

Psalm 23 by Juanita Ryan

Lesson 9 The God Who Is Our True Home

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v.6b “I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Ross commentary:

return—length of days
same as “restores” in v.3a
house of Yahweh
Lord appeared Gen.28:17
tent meeting 1Sam. 1:7

fellowship and worship
God’s Word—forgiveness and restoration
righteous guidance

Ps. 36:6-8; “Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O Lord, You preserve man and beast. How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

Keller:

shepherd and sheep—mutual love
shepherd—alert, devotion, tireless

Do we brag about our Shepherd?? And the things He does for us? Who He is? We should delight to tell of Him!

Keller told of sheep with a heartless owner
Compares to satan who is heartless and oppressive

Jesus is the only way to eternal life!

John 10:9 "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture."

Amplified Old Testament—"I will dwell in the 'presence' of the Lord forever."
This theme runs through this whole study. We have the Holy Spirit who lives in us to guide and direct.

Morgan:

House of the Lord—heaven

Ps. 27:4, "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple."

Ps. 92:12-13; 122:1

1Kings 7:51 Solomon finished the temple

1Kings 8:11 glory of God filled the temple

Rev. 21:3, "the tabernacle [house] of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

Lucado:

Phil.3:20, "for our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ecc. 3:11

We are headed homeward—2Cor.4:16-18

1Thess. 4:13

Psalm 16

v.1 David cries out—in danger

focus on his faith

v.2 confident, no limit
my good—my care and happiness

v.3 saints, holy ones—righteous Israelites
“noble ones”

v.4 no association with those of false religion
cost—God’s goodness and grace

v.5 my allotted heritage—constant source
cup—portion in life

v.6 God—satisfying and pleasurable

v.7 David breaks into praise
the Lord’s counsel and direction

v.8 giving priority to God
at right side--vulnerable

v.9 joyful response
Ps. 19:1 glory
Ps. 13:6 shout exultantly

v.10 David affirms his confidence in God.
God will not forsake, leave, or abandon.

v.11 David concludes—way of life
joy, pleasure in fellowship
find fullness of joy in God forever

Language of Ps. 16
Excessive for David’s understanding
Became true in Jesus, Acts 2:25-26
Future resurrection

First fruit—1Cor. 15:20

John 11:25 “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in me though he may die, he shall live.”

Review

Week 1 “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Shepherd—feeding

The Lord—spiritual leader and teacher

sheep and humans similar

fear, stubborn

perfect provision by our perfect Lord/Shepherd

Jehovah Rohi—The Lord is my Shepherd

Jehovah Jireh—God will provide

Week 2 “He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul;”

Lord meets spiritual needs

Sheep won't lie down unless free from fear, conflict, pests, hunger

Christ's presence relieves fears

Holy Spirit calms

Shepherd selects trail, prepares pasture

Is. 28:2 stormy waters, distress

Lev. 11:32; 16:4 calm waters, cleansing

Ps. 32 & 51 David for forgiveness and renewing

God is our Jehovah-Shalom: The Lord Who is Peace

He is also Jehovah-Rophi: The Lord Who Heals

Week 3 “He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”

God is sovereign, He always leads the right way.

Sheep and humans are creatures of habit.

Prov.14:12, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

"He loves justice." Ps. 11:7

Daniel 9:14, "our God is right in everything He does."

Ps. 31:3, "For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me."

Matt. 19:29

Jehovah Tsidkenu-The Lord our Righteousness

Week 4 "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me;"

shepherd leads through the valleys

intimate contact, gentlest grades

well-watered route, best forage

it's in the valleys we find refreshment from God

He has promised to be with us always.

Ex.3:12; Isa. 43:2; 7:14; Matt. 28:20

Joshua 1:9, "Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Jehovah-Shammah: The Lord Who Is There

Week 5 "Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

rod—weapon of power, authority and defense

God's Word—power, truth, authority

2Tim. 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Shepherd uses rod for examination of sheep.

Ps. 139:23-24 search me, and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts, see if any offensive way in me and lead me.....

staff—comfort, longsuffering, kind
symbolic of Holy Spirit, guides us, leads to truth, John 16:13

Week 6 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;”

God provides food and safety
shepherd prepares the tableland—clears weeds and water holes, prepares for attacks

our Shepherd knows satans ploys
He has gone before us, understands what we go through,
prepared the table in view of the enemy

Jehovah Nissi—The Lord my Banner—our banner of victory

Week 7 “You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.”

Summertime—flies, scab, mating season

Oil—symbol of Holy Spirit

Believers—contamination through the mind

Disappointments can lead to bitterness

Ps. 100:3 “He made us, and we belong to Him; we are His people, the sheep He tends.”

Cup—pours over the edge

Gives us abounding grace and hope

Rom. 5:20

To abound—surplus

Abundance—extravagant portion

Week 8 “Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life;”

Ps. 34:8 “Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him.”

Faithful covenant love

Continuous flow from His source of supply

1John 3:16

He pursues us, follows us, gives

2Peter1:3 “has given us everything we need for a godly life...”

Message and application of Ps. 23

The righteous desire to be in the presence of the Lord where they will feed on His Word, find spiritual restoration, be guided into righteousness, be reminded of His protective presence, receive provisions from His bounty, and be joyfully welcomed by Him.

Isa. 40:10-11 Jesus fulfilled: “Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.”

In the New Testament, Jesus is the good shepherd in John 10:11 who dies for the sheep, the great shepherd in Hebrews 13:20-21 who takes care of the sheep, and the Chief shepherd in 1Peter 5:4 who will come in glory.