

# PSALM 23

A Psalm of David



## "A Psalm of David" Psalm 23:1-6



**1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in the 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 will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Genesis 49:24; Psalm 28:9; Psalm 80:1; Ecclesiastes 12:11; Isaiah 40:11; Micah 7:14; Zechariah 13:7**

- 1. A Shepherd lives with his flock and is everything to it**
- 2. How the shepherd sustains the sheep**

**"A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23"  
Philip Keller**

- 1. Because sheep are timid, they will not lie down if they are afraid**
- 2. Because of the social animals, they will not lie down if there is friction among the sheep**
- 3. If there are flies or parasites that are bothering them, they will not lie down**
- 4. If sheep are anxious, hungry for food they will not lie down.**

**Rest comes when the shepherd deals with:**

**Fear  
Friction  
Flies  
Famine**

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More Notes on Back**

### **3. How the Lord leads along the way**

#### **Restore**

**שוב shuwb {shoob}- to turn back, come back, to repent, turn back from evil**

**It could mean brings me to repentance or conversion**

### **4. The gift of the Shepherd's presence**

**Jesus took the full reality of death in our place so we would not have to fear the shadow of death**

#### **ROD AND STAFF**

#### **Goodness & Mercy**

**Hebrew word translated**

**Loving kindness, steadfast love, covenant love, loyal love**

**Jesus is the Great Shepherd**

**John 10:11,14; Hebrews 13:20; 1Peter 2:25; 1 Peter 5:4**