

**Image #5:** God is the One preparing a table of hospitality and a place of protection to me and others while enemies look on.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Point** – God is the good host and the infinite source of all that His people need as they live in difficult situations.

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**Implication #1** – Of all the things that bring us heartache, frustration and pain, in the end God’s goodness and love will follow us and ultimately, He wins out.

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**Implication #2** – I will practice being in the presence of God on a daily basis while living in the midst of this world until I dwell in the house of the LORD forever!

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## Reckless Praying

### What God Does for You

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(Psalm 23:1-6)

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**Key #1:** David’s prayer/song comes out of his personal history; as a shepherd boy and as the shepherd king of God’s people.

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**Key #2:** In this prayer/song (Psalm 23), David portrays himself not as a shepherd, but as a sheep, one of the flock.

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**Image #1:** God is the good shepherd.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Point** – God is your shepherd; He is the only One who knows how to lead you through this world.

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**Image #2:** God makes me and leads me.

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**מְנַחֵם (m<sup>e</sup>nû·hā(h)):** He leads me beside waters of rest.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Point** – The Shepherd knows where to take you so that you will have just enough, so you can rest.

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**Image #3:** God guides me onto ancient well-worn paths.

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**צְדָקָה (šě·děq) righteousness:** The standard of right relationship we have between God and other people.

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**נַפְשׁוֹ (ně·pěš) Soul:** All of me, the whole person.

**שׁוּב (šûb) Restores:** To return, bring back, restore, repent.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Point** – Because God is the good Shephard, He knows when I wander from the path of righteousness, and He sets out to lead me back.

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**Image #4:** Regardless of the shadowy danger, God is present to guard and guide His flock.

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**4<sup>th</sup> Point** – God is the good Shephard, He knows how to defend with His rod and rescue with His staff.

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