

CONFIDENT IN CHRIST

The Benefits of Trusting God



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CONVERSATION GUIDE

Psalm 23 is a comforting passage, but most people don't understand its depth. David, shepherd-turned-king, likens God to a caring shepherd. It's no wonder that 1400 years later, Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, will describe himself and his redemption efforts in such a tender and loving manner.

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REST FOR THE WEARY SOUL

It is about the satisfaction of the heart. Those who complain of a restless night that causes sleep deprivation will attribute the problem to uneasiness, stress at work, and worry about the future. In David's beautiful poem, he maintains that rest is not only found in the Lord, but it is also the Lord who gives us that rest.

Note: Jehovah-Shalom "The Lord our Peace" (Judg. 6:24)

SPRINGBOARD VERSE

Psalm 23:2 ESV He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

QUESTIONS:

- Let's review – what is the main message of Psalm 23? Why did David write it?
- David was very knowledgeable about sheep. As a shepherd himself, he most likely led sheep to pastures, and knew the importance of leading sheep to still waters. Secure sheep are happy sheep. Let's break this passage down and observe the work of the Good Shepherd.
- It is noteworthy that in this passage, sheep only follow and lie down. It's the shepherd who is doing any real work. How does this observation parallel our own lives and walk with Jesus?

- How does Jesus make us lie down in green pastures? Is there a correlation between a shepherd preparing a safe place for his sheep, and the preparations Jesus is making for his followers?
- Let's discuss the leading that shepherds do. Sheep don't merely follow by watching where their shepherd goes – they also listen. Let's discuss this. (John 10:27)
- How do we apply these word pictures to our own lives – in other words, how does this stanza help us to delight in Christ even more?