

Psalm 23

Psalms 23:1-6

¹The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters. ³He restores my
soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through

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the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You
prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

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⁶Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow
me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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Theme: Learning to confess the reasons why my faithful Shepherd is worthy of my trust.

1. The Loving Shepherd (1-3)
 - a. He provides a personal relationship (v1)

“LORD” - the never-changing, self-sufficient, eternally existing one, I AM

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"In Israel, as in other ancient societies, a shepherd's work was considered the lowest of all works. If a family needed a shepherd, it was always the youngest son, like David, who got this unpleasant assignment. Jehovah has chosen to be our shepherd. The great God of the universe has stooped to take just such care of you and me." — **James M. Boice**

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"If He is Shepherd to no one else, He is a Shepherd to me. He cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me." — **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

"want" – to lack, to go without, to be deprived, have too little.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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1. The Loving Shepherd (1-3)
 - a. He provides a personal relationship (v1)
 - b. He provides plenty of resources (v2)
 - Physical Resources
 - Spiritual Resources

Psalms 31:3

³For You are my rock and my fortress;
For Your name's sake You will lead me and guide
me.

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2. The Faithful Companion (4)

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 - a. The fear-filled reality

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“The shadow of death” - a situation so dark that it seems death has eclipsed light.

“The shadow of a dog cannot bite, the shadow of a sword cannot kill, the shadow of death cannot harm the child of God.” — Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Romans 8:37-39

³⁷But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

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³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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- a. The fear-filled reality
- b. The faith-filled response
 - "I will fear no evil."
 - "For You are with me."

Isaiah 41:10

¹⁰Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your
God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right
hand.'

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1. The Loving Shepherd (1-3)
2. The Faithful Companion (4)
3. The Kind Host (5-6)

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3 acts of hospitality:

1. A prepared table
2. An anointed head
3. An overflowing cup

Psalms 16:5

⁵The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;
You support my lot.

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3 acts of hospitality:

1. A prepared table
2. An anointed head
3. An overflowing cup

Revelation 7:17

¹⁷for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

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He leads me beside the still waters
He restores my soul
He leads me in paths of righteousness
I will fear no evil
You are with me
Your rod and staff
You prepare a table
You anoint my head
My cup runs over
Goodness and mercy will follow me
I will dwell ... for ever

Perfect Salvation
Perfect Satisfaction
Perfect Rest
Perfect Refreshment
Perfect Restoration
Perfect Guidance
Perfect Protection
Perfect Company
Perfect Comfort
Perfect Provision
Perfect Consecration
Perfect Joy
Perfect Care
Perfect Destiny

Matthew 11:28-29

²⁸“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

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Application:

1. Rest
 - a. In your Shepherd's keeping

John 10:27-28

²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

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Application:

1. Rest
 - a. In your Shepherd's keeping
 - b. In your Host's lavishing



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- Chosen by God
- Made holy and blameless
- Adoption
- Accepted in the Beloved
- Redemption through His blood
- Forgiveness of sins
- Lavished grace and wisdom
- Revealed the mystery of His will
- Unity in Christ with the church
- An eternal inheritance
- Predestined according to His purpose
- Hope in Christ
- Sealed with the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit as a guarantee

Ephesians 1:3-14



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“We are never so full that we cannot be more full. We have never realized so much of God that we cannot realize more. The more we know of Him, the more we can know. The more we enjoy, the more we can enjoy. The cup has no limit to its capacity, and grace has no limit to its supply.”

— Thomas Watson

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Application:

1. Rest
 - a. In your Shepherd's keeping
 - b. In your Host's lavishing
 - c. In your LORD's coming

Revelation 21:1-5

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is

Revelation 21:1-5

among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

⁵And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am

Revelation 21:1-5

making all things new.” And He *said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”