

PSALMS
A Disciples Psalm
Psalm 23
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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD...

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. John 10:4 NIV
We follow God or we do not.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way... Isaiah 53:6a NIV

Do you belong to the shepherd Jesus or do you not?

I SHALL NOT WANT...

It does not say I have no wants. It says 'I shall not want'.

What is it that you want? What is it you think God will hold back from you if you trust in Him to provide for you?

HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES...

Sheep will only lie down if they are free from four things.

1. Free from all fear.
2. Free from tension in the flock.
3. Free from aggravation.
4. Free from hunger.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS...

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6 NIV

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. John 7:37b NIV

HE RESTORES MY SOUL...

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Psalm 42:11a KJV

A cast down sheep has lost balance and is on their back and cannot get up.

For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. Psalm 56:13 NIV

HE GUIDES ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAMES SAKE...

Path to righteousness

1. Love God as an act of my will. I have to die.
2. Stand alone when the crowd is calling me away.
3. Serve others, not just my own desires.
4. Live thankfully.
5. Set aside my own will.
6. Follow Jesus. Do not set up camp.

EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME...

When we follow the shepherd we will move from the open plains to the upper slopes by passing through the valley.

YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME

A rod was a stick with a knobbing hard end on it.

The staff was a long slender crook that the shepherd used to help the sheep.

YOU PREPARE A TABLE FOR ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES...

When Jesus is the good shepherd do you really think he would lead you into temptation? The table prepared by Jesus cost him his life.

YOU HAVE ANOINTED MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVER FLOWS...

SURELY GOODNESS AND LOVING-KINDNESS WILL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE...

I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

Are you fully content to remain in the care the good shepherd?

Is Jesus your shepherd? Don't remain standing on the other side of the fence and long for the green pastures of God's love. Ask Him to be your savior.