

## The Good Shepherd



MEMORY VERSE: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I have all that I need." Psalm 23:1



### Psalm 23:1-3 The Lord Is Our Shepherd

Psalm 23 was written by King David who remembers his years tending sheep and recognizes the Lord as his Shepherd.

1. Read verse 1. How does David describe the Lord? What did David say he had because of the Lord? Do you agree with this in your life?
2. What else does the Shepherd do for His sheep? vv. 2-3
3. In what ways has the Lord been your Shepherd? What in these verses sticks out to you the most right now?



### Psalm 23:4 The Good Shepherd Protects and Comforts

4. What does David say happens when he walks through dark, fearful times? Why? vv. 4
5. The rod and staff are tools the shepherd uses to scare off other animals and lead his sheep. Sometimes this means correcting their path or disciplining them. How does God's correction and discipline in your life bring you comfort and peace?
6. When we are closer to God, we are safer and more at peace. Why do you think that is?



Psalm 23:5-6 The Good Shepherd Blesses

- 7. What does David say God does in the midst of real danger? v. 5a What do you think that means?
- 8. Read verse 5b. Even on your worst day, you will see God’s blessings overflowing in your life if you look for them. Write down ways your cup has overflowed with blessings.
- 9. Read verse 6a. The entire Bible is the story of God pursuing us. What do you think this verse looks like in your life?
- 10. What is the “House of the Lord” referring to? What do you think life will look like for believers in Heaven?

**BELIEVE THE TRUTH**

David saw both a lot of hardship and success in his life. However, Psalm 23 shows us how David credits God with guiding him and protecting Him along the way. God supplied every one of David’s needs and He will do the same for you. Follow the Good Shepherd closely and your cup will overflow with blessings too!

**PRAY THE TRUTH**

Dear Lord, Make me more like David, trusting in You as my Good Shepherd. Thank You for making sure I have all I need. Thank You for leading me, protecting me, making me strong, and taking care of my enemies. Help me trust You and go to you when I feel afraid. You are a good God, and I want to be close to You. Amen

**WALK IN TRUTH**



What does the Lord being your Shepherd mean to you? How does it affect your life?



## Psalm 23 (NLT)

A psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows;  
he leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength.  
He guides me along right paths,  
bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will not be afraid,  
for you are close beside me.  
Your rod and your staff  
protect and comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You honor me by anointing my head with oil.  
My cup overflows with blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the Lord  
forever.

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