

The Good Shepherd



MEMORY VERSE: "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." Psalm 23:6



PSALM 23:1-3

The Good Shepherd Provides and Guides

Psalm 23 was written by King David who remembers his years tending sheep and recognizes the Lord as his Shepherd. David expresses his great confidence in the constant protection of a loving God. This Psalm has inspired a lot of people as it gives hope, assurance and guidance.

1. David describes the Lord as his Shepherd. What did David say he had because of his Shepherd (the Lord)? v. 1
2. What else does the Shepherd do for His sheep? vv. 2-3
3. Have you seen God, our Good Shepherd, work in your life this way? Do you feel that you have all that you need?



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 predatory animals and direct his sheep. Directing sheep sometimes implies correcting their path or disciplining them. How can God's correction and discipline in your life ultimately 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. What does it mean for your cup to overflow with blessings? 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. What does "pursue" mean? 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.

WALK IN TRUTH






Psalm 23 is a beautiful picture of all the ways God provides for us. What is your favorite verse in this Psalm? Why?



Psalm 23 (NLT)

A psalm of David.

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- 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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