

## The Lord Is Our Shepherd



MEMORY VERSE: “The Lord is my shepherd. I have all that I need.” Psalm 23:1

### DAY 1 PSALM 23:1 — God Provides

1. What does David say he has and why? vs. 1
2. How does God act as a shepherd in your life?
3. What do you think God would say are your greatest needs? How does God provide these things for you?
4. Being content with who you are and what you have does not come naturally or easily. See Philippians 4:12-13. How can you learn to be content with what you have?

### DAY 2 PSALM 23:2-3 — God Guides

5. What does the Shepherd do? vs. 2
6. Does knowing that God can totally handle your needs and fears help you rest and bring you peace? Explain.

7. Do you want to follow God's path for your life? If yes, what do you have to let Him do?

### DAY 3 PSALM 23:4—God Helps

8. What does David say happens when he walks through dark, fearful times? Why?

9. The rod and staff are tools the shepherd uses to scare off predatory animals and direct his sheep. What are some of the tools God uses and ways God protects you?

10. Directing sheep (us) implies correcting and disciplining. How can being corrected/disciplined ultimately bring you comfort and peace?

11. Why do you think the closer you are to God, the safer you are and the more of His peace you have?

### DAY 4 PSALM 23:5-6—God Blesses

12. What does God do in verse 5a?

13. The feast illustrates abundance, satisfaction, and everlasting love. God's people can feast at His table of endless love and grace and no enemy of any sort can ever take it away. Read Romans 8:35, 37-39. What do you learn from these verses?

14. Read verse 5b. Applying oil was a sign of love, care and protection. An overflowing cup meant that the guest was welcome and could stay as long as he wanted. Would you say you overflow with blessings from God? Explain.

15. Do you believe that God pursues you with *"His goodness and unfailing love"* everyday - even when you stray - even when you don't deserve it? (verse 6)  
If so, what difference does believing this make in your life?

16. The *"house of the Lord"* is heaven. Do you know if you will live in heaven forever? Why?  
(1 John 1:9; 1 John 5:13; John 3:16)

## DAY 5 PSALM 23—Wrap Up

17. Do you truly believe the Lord is your Shepherd? Explain.

18. How is Psalm 23 encouraging to you?

### TAKE AWAY

Write a Psalm to God using these 4 section: (1) God's provision; (2) God's guidance in making right decisions; (3) God's help when we're afraid; and (4) God's blessings and promise of eternal life..

### BLESSING

"For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty Savior. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you." Zephaniah 3:17

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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.

