
KNOWING THE SHEPHERD

Key Scripture: PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, 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 anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The pastoral serenity of Psalm 23 has made it a favorite for generations of believers. It is amongst the most memorized and most notable because of the assurance, comfort and peace it brings, particularly in difficult times. Psalm 23 is David's testimony of trust and confidence.

David makes this declaration and affirmation of his understanding and relationship with God. Simply put, he declares in his opening: "The LORD IS..."

In what ways does God manifest his Is-ness in your life?

Deut. 4:24; Deut. 9:3; Deut. 10:17; 2 Sam. 22:32-34; Deut. 20:1; Duet. 33:27; Psalm 46:4; Psalm 48:14; Psalm 54:4

- The LORD _____.

Psalm 23:1; Isaiah 40:11

- The LORD _____.

Psalm 23:2; Isaiah 58:11; John 16:13

- The LORD _____.

Psalm 23:3; 1 Peter 5:10

- The LORD _____ and _____.

Psalm 23:3; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 37:23

- The LORD _____.

Psalm 23:4; II Thessalonians 3:3

- The LORD _____.

Psalm 23:5; Psalm 11:5

- The LORD _____.

Psalm 23:6; Matthew 28:20

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