

Lesson 14 – Psalm 23

New International Version

1 The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in
green pastures, he leads me
beside quiet waters,
3 he restores my soul. He
guides me in paths of
righteousness for his name's
sake.
4 Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for
you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and love will
follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD forever.

New Living Translation

1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I have everything 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
dark valley of death, 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 welcome me as a guest,
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.

New Jerusalem Bible

1 Yahweh is my shepherd, I
lack nothing. **2** In grassy
meadows he lets me lie. By
tranquil streams he leads me
3 to restore my spirit. He
guides me in paths of saving
justice as befits his name.
4 Even were I to walk in a
ravine as dark as death I
should fear no danger, for you
are at my side. Your staff and
your crook are there to soothe
me.
5 You prepare a table for me
under the eyes of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup brims over.
6 Kindness and faithful love
pursue me every day of my
life. I make my home in the
house of Yahweh for all time
to come.

The Message

1 GOD, my shepherd! I
don't need a thing.
2 You have bedded me down
in lush meadows, you find
me quiet pools to drink from.
3 True to your word, you let
me catch my breath and send
me in the right direction.
4 Even when the way goes
through Death Valley, I'm not
afraid when you walk at my
side. Your trusty shepherd's
crook makes me feel secure.
5 You serve me a six-course
dinner right in front of my
enemies. You revive my
drooping head; my cup brims
with blessing.
6 Your beauty and love chase
after me every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of
GOD for the rest of my life.

The Amplified Bible

1 THE LORD is my Shepherd [to
feed, guide, and shield me], I shall
not lack. **2** He makes me lie down
in [fresh, tender] green pastures;
He leads me beside the still *and*
restful waters.
3 He refreshes *and* restores my life
(my self); He leads me in the paths
of righteousness [uprightness and
right standing with Him—not for
my earning it, but] for His name's
sake.
4 Yes, though I walk through the
[deep, sunless] valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear *or*
dread no evil, for You are with
me; Your rod [to protect] and
Your staff [to guide], they comfort
me. **5** You prepare a table before
me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with *aoil*; my
[brimming] cup runs over. **6**
Surely *or* only goodness, mercy,
and unfailing love shall follow me
all the days of my life, and through
the length of my days the house of
the Lord [and His presence] shall
be my dwelling place.

King James Version

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I
shall not want. **2** He maketh me to
lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. **4** Yea, though
I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no
evil: for thou art with me; thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. **6** Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I
will dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever.