

## 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.