

Lesson 4 / Psalm 23

New International Version

Psalms 23 ¶ A psalm of David.

- 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.

Amplified Bible

Psalms 23 A Psalm of David.

- 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 oil; 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.

New Living Translation

Psalms 23A psalm of David.

- 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.

The Message

Psalm 23 A DAVID PSALM

- 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.