

**Freedom From Future Fears**  
Psalm 23:1-2; John 10 selected verses

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**Psalm 23 (NKJV)**

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
  
Yea, 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.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence  
of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
Forever.

Jesus said worry is **foolish** (Matthew 6:25-26)

Jesus said worry is **fruitless** (Matthew 6:27)

Jesus said worry is **faithless** (Matthew 6:30)

So why do we worry? Because we are **humans** and **humans** worry.

To be free from fear understand:

- 1) Sheep feel safe when they know the shepherd is **present** (verses 1-3)
  - a) Psalm 46:1
  - b) Psalm 121: 3-4
  - c) Hebrews 13:5b-6
- 2) Sheep feel safe when they know the Shepherd is **providing** (verse 2)
  - a) Matthew 6:31-32
  - b) 1 Peter 5:7
- 3) Sheep feel safe when they know the **Shepherd** (verse 1)
  - a) Matthew 6:32b
  - b) John 10:14
  - c) John 10:27-30

Our freedom from fear depends not on the **absence of problems or needs** but on the **presence** of the Shepherd. Are you counting on his presence? Is he your Shepherd?