

Content to Follow the Good Shepherd
Psalm 23
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“From the moment we exit the womb, we seek another.”

We all want to go home; a Sanctuary. The church fellowship ought to be a sanctuary.

We need the life-giving presence of the Good Shepherd.

Psalm 23 oozes with the contentment of faith.

Jesus is the good shepherd. (John 10:11; 10:16; Rev 7:17)

Lord is my Shepherd, he will provide all my needs. (V 1-4)

Lord as my Host, he will provide table fellowship. (v 5-6)

The Lord is my Shepherd.

This is a bold statement of conquering and dependent faith.

There are others. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:11-13: 4:9)

The emphasis here is on, My shepherd.

The Lord will take care of my every need. (Proverbs 13:25; Deuteronomy 2:7)

Lie down in Green pastures

Four things are required for a sheep to lie down.

Quiet waters

Restores my soul (Correction)

Refreshes and restores. (Psalm 19:7; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20)

Leads me in the Paths of righteousness (Guidance, wisdom)

Straight path, or the right path.

For His name's sake.

Valley of the shadow of death

Could be, the darkest valley; or the valley of deep darkness.

How do Christian's gain confidence in the face of death?

I can trust my loving Father with this.

Lord as a Host v 5-6

God is making all the preparations now for the feast.

Before my enemies.

Anointed my head

My cup overflows.

The two sheepdogs

Goodness and Mercy

Do you hear the shepherds voice?

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.