

Psalm 23 (NKJV) A Psalm of David

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

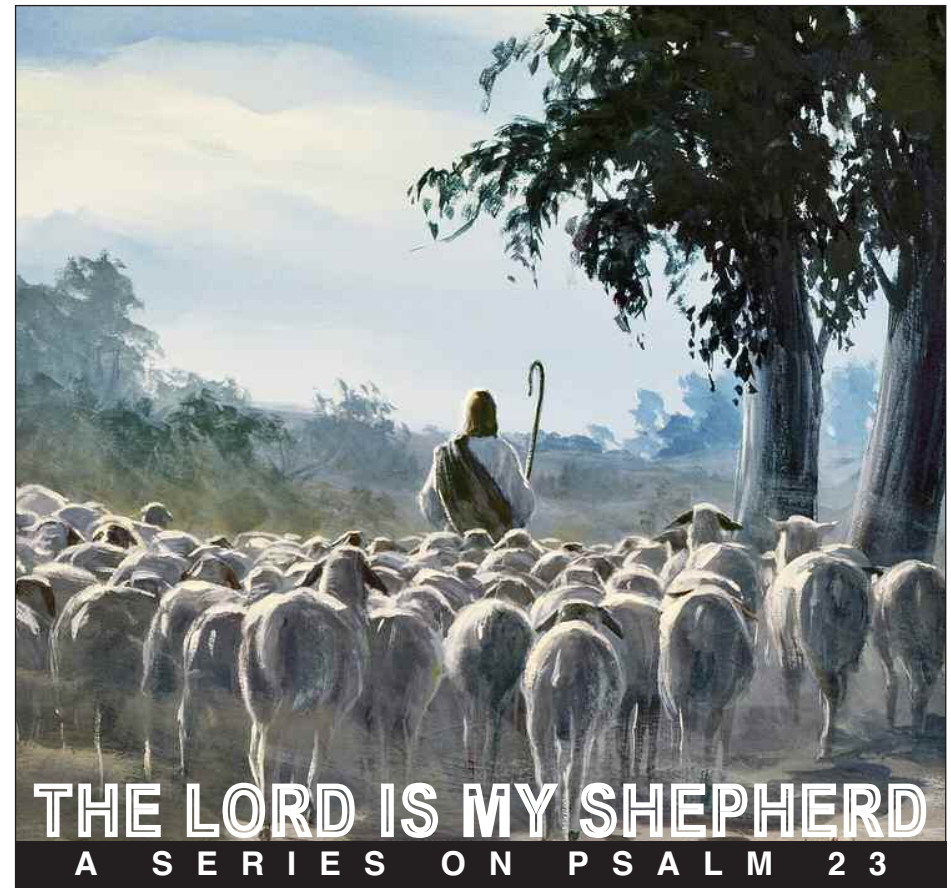
² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads 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 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 runs 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
Forever.



1. The Lord is My Shepherd

Verse 1

2. The Lord is my direction and care

Verse 2

3. The Lord is my power to live a Christlike life

Verse 3

4. The Lord is my protection

Verse 4

5. The Lord is my blessing

Verse 5

6. The Lord is my life

Verse 6

The Lord is my Shepherd - Psalm 23:1

Psalm 23 is a pattern of _____:

OWNERSHIP

The Lord =

Col 1:16 ... all things were created _____ Him and _____ Him.

1 Cor 6:19-20 You are not your own; you were _____

What a shepherd does to indicate ownership of his sheep:

What God does for us to indicate ownership (Eph 1:13):

DEPENDENCE

Shepherd =

John 10:11 I AM the _____ shepherd, the good shepherd _____
_____ for the sheep.

Psalm 100:3

I shall not want:

This is a statement of a person who is perfectly _____ knowing that the Lord is my shepherd.

RELATIONSHIP

The Lord is _____ shepherd

1. Read Psalm 23. What is it about this psalm that strikes you the most? Why?

2. A shepherd notches the ear of his sheep to indicate ownership. What does God do for us? (Read Col 1:16; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Cor 6:19-20).

Explain what this means to you.

3. How does the fact that we are created by Christ for Himself change the way we view life?

4. The shepherd is totally responsible for the sheep and the sheep depend entirely on the shepherd for everything (food, water, shelter, safety). (Read John 10:11; Psalm 100:3; Matthew 6:8; Phil 4:19) How do we see God taking care of our every need?

5. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. This is the statement of a person perfectly content in knowing that the Lord is their shepherd. What do you think is the primary requirement to be perfectly content in this way?

6. The Lord is MY shepherd. Psalm 23:1 speaks about the relationship between the sheep and the shepherd, between us and the Lord. When David wrote this, what do you think were the thoughts going through his mind? What does it mean to you?

7. Dr Charles Allen gave a prescription to a gentleman going through some struggles. He said that filling this prescription would change his life, because Psalm 23 is a pattern of thinking. Every verse represents living by faith in Christ and knowing the Hope of Christ. Read it first thing in the morning, read it slowly, meditatively and prayerfully. Read it also after breakfast, lunch and dinner, and then before you go to sleep. Do this every day for a week and at the end of the week, you will be a different person. I encourage you to do the same.