

## Psalm 23 (NKJV) A Psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

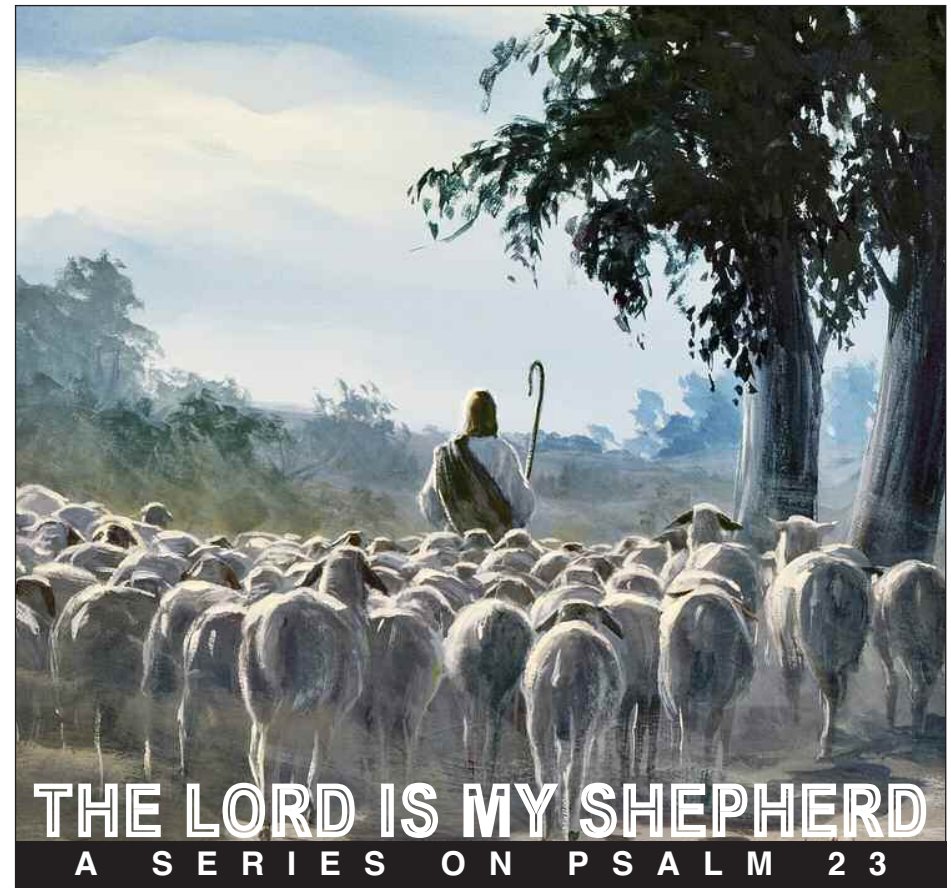
<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> 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 peace

Verse 2

**3. The Lord is my strength**

**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 Strength - Psalm 23:3

The Principle of the path:

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it...

If we follow the Good Shepherd, He will lead us in the way of righteousness which brings us to a destination of hope, love, joy and glory. The path won't always be easy to follow, but will always be fulfilling, and He will give us the \_\_\_\_\_ for the journey.

### HE RESTORES MY SOUL

To restore =

Example of David (Psalm 51:1-12)

Ps 51:12 He will restore us and He will \_\_\_\_\_ us.

What will it take for my 'soul to be restored'?

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### HE LEAD ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

For His name's sake =

Q. Are you truly following Jesus?

Righteousness = 1.

2.

There is an enemy of our soul who wants to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8).

In comparison to Psalm 23:3, how does he do it?

Jesus is calling you to follow Him. What path will you take?

1. Define the principle of the path and what it means for the decisions you make about your life?
2. Read the statement (opposite) that begins, "If we follow the Good Shepherd..." If we are going to "follow" Jesus, what does that mean with regards to my every day life?
3. He restores my soul. Read Psalm 51:1-12. This is a psalm of David in response to Nathan confronting him about his adultery with Bathsheba. What steps do you see taking place in David's life that bring restoration to his soul?
4. Psalm 51:12 says, "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit." God not only restores us, He sustains us. He gives us the strength to follow Him in the paths of righteousness - wherever that may lead us. Explain.
5. Psalm 23:3 says, "He leads me in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake." What does, "for His name's sake" mean?
6. What is righteousness? What does it mean to follow in, "paths of righteousness?"
7. There is an enemy of our soul (1 Peter 5:8), who wants to destroy us. In comparison to Psalm 23:3, how does he try to do this?
8. Jesus is calling you to follow Him. If you decide to do so, how will it affect your day tomorrow?