

Psalm 23 Amplified With notes

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

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.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

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.

Notes

1 God lets us know that He owns us and takes care of us like a shepherd. Sheep are dumb and the shepherd must do everything. He loves us more than we can imagine. A shepherd keeps sheep for a profit. But Jesus' profit in us is for our benefit and for the Kingdom of God. Remember God is IN us. He is not just caring for us from the outside like sheep. Green pastures and still waters are great gifts of comfort!

He restores our soul. He heals the wounds that are in our soul from past hurts.

2. Paths of righteousness. Because He has made us righteous and therefore able to defeat the remaining spiritual enemies here, God lets us know that we will properly go through tough times, but that He will always be with us. The valley is a Wadi in Israel, which is a huge very deep valley in which people used to walk to Jerusalem and quite often be attacked by robbers. It says there is only a shadow not real death. His rod is against our enemies and His staff is to support us during this difficult time.

3. God lets us know that those tough times brings an anointing and defeats the enemy. He pours oil on our head and it runs over to others. Going through anointed suffering brings others into the Kingdom. **Remember, the resurrection power of Jesus lives inside of you. That power can overcome every suffering and turn it into a success for His glory. It is up to you to BELIEVE.**

4. God finally assures us that He will be eternally with us and we with Him in Heaven. Our final and eternal REWARD!