



BIBLE STUDY

Psalm 23

THE SHEPHERD

Who Never Leaves You



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JOURNEYS OF WOMEN
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Theme

Key Scripture

Psalm 23:1–4 (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."

Chapter Overview:

Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved passages in all of Scripture because it reminds us that God is not a distant Creator—He is our personal Shepherd. King David, who once cared for sheep himself, understood the constant attention, protection, and guidance a shepherd provides. He used this familiar picture to describe the Lord's loving care for His people. In these opening verses, we discover that God faithfully provides for our needs, restores our weary souls, leads us in the right direction, and remains with us even in life's darkest valleys. His presence does not remove every hardship, but it gives us confidence that we never face those hardships alone.

Whether you are experiencing peace or walking through uncertainty, **Psalm 23** reminds us that our Shepherd is always present, always faithful, and always worthy of our trust.

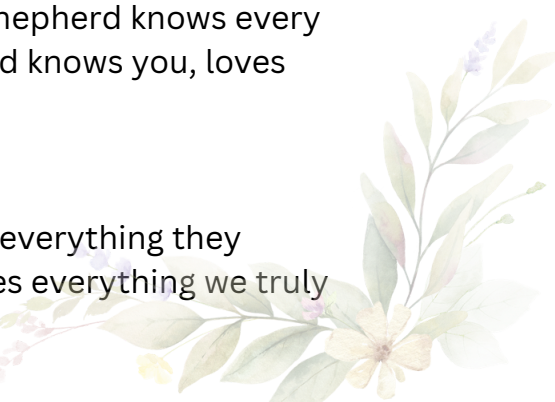
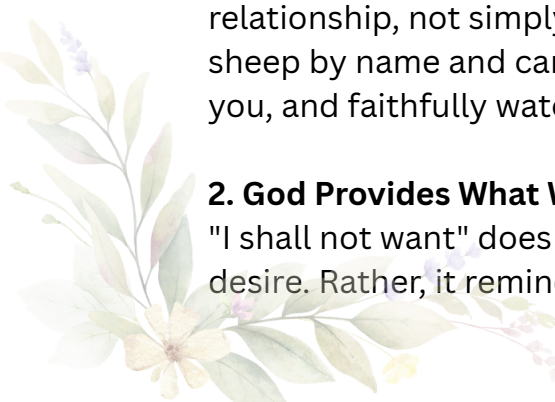
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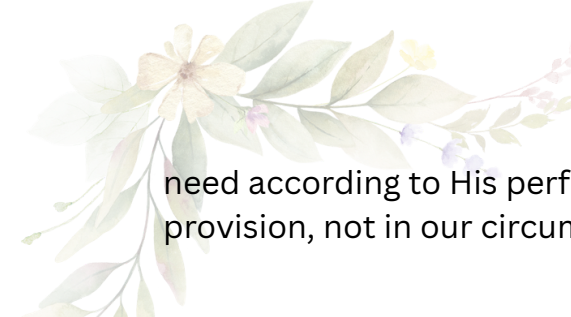
1. God Is Our Shepherd

David begins by declaring, "The Lord is my shepherd." This is a personal relationship, not simply a belief about God. Just as a shepherd knows every sheep by name and cares for each one individually, God knows you, loves you, and faithfully watches over your life.

2. God Provides What We Need

"I shall not want" does not mean believers will receive everything they desire. Rather, it reminds us that God faithfully provides everything we truly





need according to His perfect wisdom and timing. Our confidence rests in His provision, not in our circumstances.

3. God Restores the Weary Soul

Life can leave us emotionally, physically, and spiritually exhausted. Our Shepherd gently leads us to places of rest and refreshment. He heals wounded hearts, renews our strength, and restores our hope when we place our trust in Him.

4. God Guides Us in Righteousness

God never leads His children without purpose. Through His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, He directs our steps along paths that honor Him and bring spiritual growth. Even when we cannot see the entire journey, we can trust the One who does.

5. God Never Leaves Us in the Valley

Perhaps the greatest comfort in this passage is not that valleys disappear, but that God walks with us through them. His presence gives courage in times of fear, His protection brings peace, and His faithfulness reminds us that we are never alone.

Key Truths:

- **God is our faithful Shepherd.**
- **He provides, guides, and restores us.**
- **We never walk through life's valleys alone.**
- **His presence gives us peace and courage.**
- **We can trust Him in every season.**

Life Application:

Where do you need to trust the Shepherd today? Take one step of faith by following His direction instead of allowing fear to guide your decisions. Rest in the assurance that He is always with you.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for being my Shepherd. Guide my steps, restore my heart, and help me trust You through every season. Remind me that I am never alone because You are always with me. Help me follow Your voice each day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Memory Verse

Psalms 23:1 (NKJV)

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

