

Psalm 23

Ps 23:1a The Lord is my shepherd NKJV

- Who is the “Lord”?
- What does “Lord” mean?
- What does it mean when it says “my shepherd”?
- Psalm 79:13, Psalm 95:7, Psalm 100:3, 1 Peter 1:18-19

Ps 23:1b I shall not want NKJV

- Because The Lord is my shepherd I will not lack
- What does the shepherd provide for His sheep.

Ps 23:2-3a

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; NKJV

What does the shepherd do for His sheep?

How would this apply to you?

He commands us to rest Exodus 20:8, Hebrews 4:11

What Happens When We Obey Him

Psalm 23:3b-4

3b 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. NKJV

Name two things that happen as a result of obedience to our shepherd.

What does the rod and staff signify?

Psalm 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. NKJV

What does the table represent?

Why did David mention that God does this in the presence of enemies?

Does this mean in this life or the next?

What is the significance of anointing our heads with oil?

What does an overflowing cup represent?

God's end-game

Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. NKJV

What will we have in this life?

Goodness – “tov” good things

Mercy – “chesed” also blessing

What is the “end-game”?

John 14:2-3

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. NKJV

Finally – if change the word “shepherd” to “father” what does that tell you?