

Psalm 23

Session 1: The Bible



² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth 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 thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth 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.
King James Version (KJV)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹ You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

² You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water,

³ and you refresh my life. You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

⁴ I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

⁵ You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.

⁶ Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD.
Contemporary English Version (CVE)

¹⁻³ GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

⁵ You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

⁶ Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

The Message