



Psalms 23

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; **FAITH** I shall not want. **ASSURANCE***

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

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Life – “He restoreth my soul”

To restore the soul seems to imply life again, healing.
cf. James 2:26

- Forgiveness and fellowship. Luke 15:17-20; cf. Psalms 51
- By repentance and conversion. Luke 22:32 (Acts 3:19; 26:18)
- “Restore again.” His sheep are not only being led; they are being led back home. (Ezekiel 34:16)

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“If a man die, shall he live again.” Job 14:14

- This is why David was not afraid to walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
- This is why he ate instead of fasting when his son died.
- He could go to him. 2 Samuel 12:22-23
- Evidently David foresaw the resurrection.
cf. Psalms 16:10; Acts 2:31
- Jesus spoke of the resurrection. John 11:25
 - All will be raised. John 5:28-29

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Leadership – “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake”

The Lord leads, David followed.

- Man cannot direct his own steps. cf. Jeremiah 10:23
- The “paths of righteousness” ... where Wisdom walks. Proverbs 8:20
- David was led by God through the teaching of the OT
- Today God leads us through the NT
 - God’s righteousness is found in the Gospel. Romans 1:16-17
 - All of us are to walk by this same rule. Philippians 3:15-16
 - Word of truth. Psalms 119:105; John 6:68; 14:6

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The Lord leads and we are to follow. Luke 9:23

- Many rather elect to follow blind guides.
cf. Matthew 15:14
 - Their end is the ditch. cf. verse 13
- The Lord is the Good Shepherd and cares for the sheep.
John 10:1-4, 11-14
 - We can follow with confidence.
- “For his name’s sake.” In order that His name might be glorified. Psalms 79:9; cf. 1 Peter 2:9; Matthew 5:13-16

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The Lord has the words of life.

- Peter and the disciples could not look elsewhere.
cf. John 6:66-68; cf. John 16:13f; Romans 8:14
- Now He has proven that He can and will lead us through the valley of the shadow of death.
 - He was tempted. **cf. Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15**
 - He died. **Hebrews 2:14-15; cf. Revelation 1:17-18**
 - And He proved that man can and will be raised from the dead. **cf. Acts 2:24; Colossians 2:15**
- We are to walk as He walked. **1 John 2:5-6; 1 Peter 2:21**

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3 He restoreth my soul: **LIFE** he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. **LEADERSHIP**

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **CONFIDENCE**

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Confidence – “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death*”

- The walk is the walk all men must take.
Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 9:5
- Such confidence is born of hope. **Philippians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:6, 8**
- Such hope should rest on the promises of God.
2 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 10:22-23
- All the fear of death should be removed from us.
Hebrews 2:14-15; Hebrews 13:5-6
 - In Christ, the terror of death gives way to joyful hope.
1 Corinthians 15:54-57

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