

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
- 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

<u>Confidence</u> – "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; cf. Isaiah 43:1-2
 - In Christ, the terror of death gives way to joyful hope. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Isaiah 40:27ff

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- 4 ... I will fear no evil: COURAGE. for thou art with me; **COMPANIONSHIP** thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **COMFORT**
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: **PROVIDENCE** thou anointest my head with oil; FAVOR my cup runneth over. JOY
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: MERCY and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. IMMORTALITY

Courage – "I will fear no evil"

- David had shown courage all of his life. cf. 1 Samuel 17:37
- The man who fears God has no need to fear any other thing. Matthew 10:28; Acts 10:34-35; cf. Hebrews 13:5-6
- John teaches us how to completely eliminate fear. 1 John 4:18

Companionship – "For thou art with me" How can we have Him as our companion?

- We must come to where God is. 1 Timothy 6:16
- We must come to walk where He dwells. 1 John 1:5-7
- We must keep His commandments. 1 John 2:3-5; 3:24; James 4:8
- cf. 2 Chronicles 15:2, "... Jehovah is with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you." NOTE: Deuteronomy 1:41-42

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