



## 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**

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

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### Comfort – “Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me”

- God would use His rod to punish His enemies.  
**Psalms 9:16; Proverbs 13:24; Isaiah 10:5-6**  
“The rod and correction give wisdom” (**Proverbs 29:15**)
- The rod guides those who have gone astray back into the right path. **Psalms 89:30-32**
- His staff leads to a place of comfort for His followers.  
cf. **1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 14:13**

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### Providence – “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies”

- The Lord’s people have no reason to fear evil (verse 4), even when they are in the presence of their enemies.
  - **Genesis 39:40** Joseph.
  - **Proverbs 28:25**, “... he that putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be made fat.”
  - **Psalms 37:25**, “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”
  - cf. **Matthew 6:32-33**
- The enemy may seem to have the victory, but the saints always win. **Revelation 13:10; 14:12-13; 17:14; 19:11-21; 20:4-6.**

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### Favor – “Thou anointest my head with oil”

- The Lord pours oil over their head, it is “good and pleasant”  
**Psalms 133:1-2. Rejoicing the heart, Proverbs 27:9**
- To be anointed of the Lord is to:
  - Be chosen of the Lord.
  - The term “Christ,” means God’s anointed.  
cf. **Hebrews 1:9**
  - Be in His favor. cf. **1 Samuel 16:13**
- God has chosen and anointed certain ones today.
  - **“IN CHRIST” NOT INDIVIDUAL! Ephesians 1:3-4**
  - We are a chosen generation. **1 Peter 2:9**
  - And in His favor. **2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:16-19; 3:16-19**

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