



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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Psalms 23

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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Joy – “My cup runneth over”

- There is no more room for blessings. He is overjoyed as a result.
- Psalms 36:8, “They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.”
- Christians rejoice “in Christ.”
 - The eunuch went on his way rejoicing. **Acts 8:39**
 - The jailer’s household rejoiced. **Acts 16:34**
 - All Christians should rejoice. **1 Peter 4:12-14; Matthew 5:11-12; Philippians 3:1; 4:4**

No one on earth has more right to rejoice than the people of God.

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Mercy – “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life”

- God blesses His people with the blessings of His goodness.
 - Psalms 31:19, “Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee”
- Mercy ... Psalms 40:11, “Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Jehovah; let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.”
 - “Mercy” used 116 times in the ASV. cf. **Ephesians 2:4**
- God’s goodness is reserved for those who continue in His goodness. **Romans 11:22**
- The prodigal understood that the goodness of his father’s house was reserved for those who lived there. cf. **Luke 15:17**
- The blessings of salvation are reserved for those who continue to walk therein. **1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Colossians 1:21-23**

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Immortality – “And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever”

David understood that following the Lord not only provided blessings here, but that it provided for eternal life.

- Abraham had this kind of faith. **Hebrews 11:10-16**
- Job reflected it too. **Job 14:14; 19:25-26**
- **NOTE: Psalms 27:1-6**
- Godliness not only has the promise of the life that now is, but that which is to come. **1 Timothy 4:8; Mark 10:28-30**
- We will have a new body – **2 Corinthians 5:1; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:52-57**
- It is reserved in heaven for us. **1 Peter 4:5**
- The pursuit of enemies can last only for a little time (**1 Peter 1:6; 5:10; 2 Corinthians 4:17**), whereas the pursuit of goodness and mercy will last for ever.

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The 23rd Psalm ...

- Can you speak with the faith, conviction, confidence, and assurance of David?
- Only if you let the Lord be your shepherd.

•If you’ve not had Him as your Shepherd, why not start now?

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THE CHARACTER OF THE PERSON WHO DWELLS WITH THE LORD

Psalm 15

Lesson 2: Psalms of Guidance

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The Righteous person

Psalm 15

Psalms 15:1, "*Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?*"

- Character of integrity and holiness.
- Question asked. 15:1
 - Only certain people will dwell in that place with Him (Psalms 61:4; Revelation 21:3; 7:15; John 14:2-3, 23).
- Question answered. 15:2-5

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The Righteous person

Psalm 15

Psalms 15:2-5

Positive

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart;

3 He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his friend, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor;

Positive

4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honoreth them that fear Jehovah; He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not;

5 He that putteth not out his money to interest, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

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The Righteous person

Psalm 15

Stated Positively

Psalms 15:2, 4

- **Walks uprightly** (2)
 - Anyone who claims to abide in the Lord "*ought ... to walk even as he walked*" (1 John 2:6), without blemish (1 Peter 2:21-23; 1:19).
 - Walks in God’s truth. Psalms 26:3
 - Guided by God’s wisdom. Psalms 1:1-2; Proverbs 2:1-15; 4:5-9; Colossians 2:3

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