

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

<u>Comfort</u> – "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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