

Psalm 23 (NKJV) A Psalm of David

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

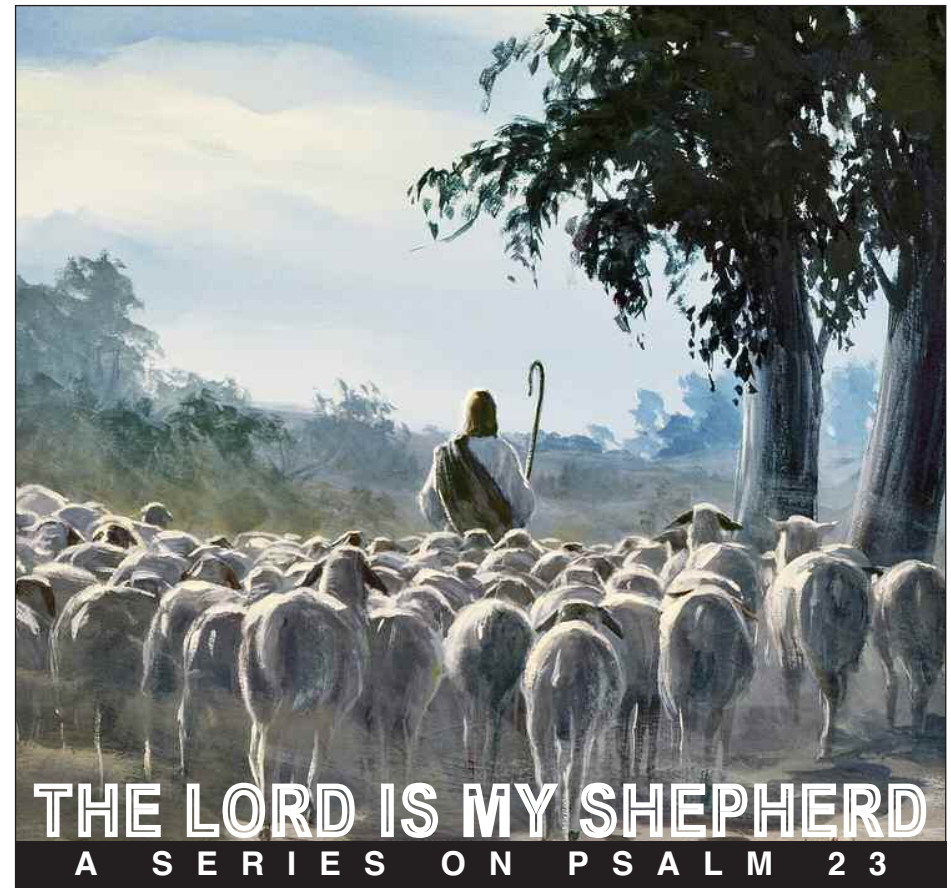
² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.



Billy Graham

God's grace, quite simply, is God's
mercy and goodness toward us.

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| 1. The Lord is My Shepherd | Verse 1 |
| 2. The Lord is my peace | Verse 2 |
| 3. The Lord is my strength | Verse 3 |
| 4. The Lord is my protection | Verse 4 |
| 5. The Lord is my blessing | Verse 5 |
| 6. The Lord is my life | Verse 6 |

The Lord is my life - Psalm 23:6

Our life is defined by...

THE GOODNESS AND MERCY OF GOD HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE

Surely:

Goodness:

Mercy:

MY LEGACY SHOULD BE ONE OF GOODNESS AND MERCY TOWARDS OTHERS

A sheep's impact on the land:

Nowhere do we imitate God more than when we show the same _____ and _____, to others, that He showed to us.

Matt 5:7

James 2:12-13

THE GOODNESS & MERCY OF GOD HAVE GIVEN ME A HOME IN HEAVEN

And I _____ dwell...

David was _____ in his relationship with the good shepherd

1 John 5:12

1. David, the writer of Psalm 23, had seen great times and very difficult times. He had committed great sins, and also done many wonderful things. David is saying here that if there is one thing that he is certain of, it is that the goodness and mercy of God have been with him through everything. Explain. How have you seen this in your own life?
2. It's one thing to say that God is good all the time, when things are going well for us. But how about when things aren't going well, when life has turned upside down and it seems that God has forgotten us. How can we know that God still loves us. That he truly is working for our good? (Read also Romans 8:28-29)
3. Mercy is defined as: Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. You could say that it is not getting what we deserve - we don't deserve mercy, in fact, it wouldn't be mercy if you did deserve mercy. How have you been aware of the mercy of God in your life?
4. Philip Keller, in his book, A shepherd looks at the 23rd Psalm, says, "Sheep can, under mismanagement, be the most destructive of livestock. In short order they can ruin and ravage land almost beyond remedy. However, they can also be the most beneficial of all livestock if properly managed." How does this apply to us as Christians in the world?
5. Peter said, nowhere do we imitate God more than when we show the same goodness and mercy to others, that God has shown towards us. (Read also, Matthew 5:7; James 2:12-13). Is goodness and mercy following you as a legacy of your life lived in the world? Is there anyone right now that you need to show goodness and mercy to, that up until now you haven't?
6. David had a confident assurance that he would spend eternity in the presence of God. (Read also 1 John 5:13). What can stop us from having this kind of assurance in our own life, and how can we, "know that we know" that we will spend eternity with God?