

Psams 23

Psalm of David

I. 1a *“The LORD is my shepherd,...”*

A. In one of the most well know psalms, in Psalms 23 David stopped and considered his life before the God.

1. He realizes that in the same way he had cared for his sheep...that God had cared for him.

B. He knows that God has watched over his paths

C. That God has guided his steps away from danger and pitfalls

D. And time and time again God has protected him

E. In short David knew God cared for him deeply

* David humbly submitted to God’s leadership in his life.

II. 1b *“I shall not want.”*

A. David realized that God would provide for him

B. And that all his needs would be meet.

1. David figured that if he didn’t have it ...God must not want him to.

C. So by faith David walked this old earth knowing that God would take care of him.

D. David, realized that God would determine and meet his needs.

III. 2 *“He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.”*

A. David saw many storms in life, but he knew who he had believed in and he turned to Him for peace.

B. Peace in God is very precious

1. This kind of peace is that which surpasses understanding ...Phil 4:7

2. And ultimately entering the peace of God by leaving this world...Isa 57:2

IV. 3a *“He restores my soul;”*

A. Sometimes souls can get out of line with God’s desires.

B. Through bad choices and even circumstances of life.

1. We can all struggle at times with God.

C. But like a loving father, God stands ready to receive us back unto Himself and make our hearts new again.

1. Luke 15

2. Psalms 51

V. 3b *“He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.”*

A. God guides us

B. He gives us direction

1. With His word as a lamp unto our feet...Psalms 119:105

2. And even the promptings of our hearts.

C. Jeremiah 10:23 *“I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.”*

VI. 4 *“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;”*

A. God is with us

1. He never leaves us

B. When we walk through life's troubles...we don't walk alone

C. There is nothing to fear

D. Even when we can't see

1. Like the poem “Footprints in the sand”

VII. 4b *“Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”*

A. Life often gives us much anxiety

B. When we walk with the Lord what comfort surrounds us.

VIII. 5a *“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;”*

A. God gives us **victory**

1. Even when we can't see it

2. 2 Kings 6:16-17 *"So he answered, " Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, " O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."*

IX. 5b "You have anointed my head with oil;"

A. Anointing here has to do with setting apart and establishing.

B. The word that comes to mind is **purpose**

X. 5c "My cup overflows."

A. Here we are talking about **provision**

1. Everything pertaining to life and godliness ...2 Peter 1:3

2. A good measure pressed down and overflowingLuke 6:38

XI. 6 *"Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."*

A. A promise claimed by faithful obedience to God.

B. To dwell in the house of the Lord forever.