

PSALM 23

Date: November 2, 2025 - Psalm 23:1-6

Central Idea: God is great enough to take care of all the needs of my life. Do you trust God for every need?

Introduction:

“Perhaps the most creative and artistic person in the Bible, David, was a virtuoso harpist, a military genius, a capable administrator, and a cultural innovator. He led a sweeping renaissance of Jewish culture. Perhaps his most enduring literary achievement was to write and/or compile this psalm, the most loved and well-known of all. It comforts, satisfies, and meets the deepest longings of the human heart.” Wyrzten, Don, *A Musician Looks at the Psalms*, p. 44.

I. “The Lord”

1. “Yahweh”
2. Jehovah God, the covenant-making God

II. “My Shepherd”

1. Your shepherd
2. Verb— “is shepherding me”
3. John 10:27-28
4. Personal relationship

III. “I Shall Not Want”

1. “I am never in a state of want.”
2. Matthew 10:16
3. “Am I a sheep or am I a wolf-frightener?”

Conclusion:

David started out as a shepherd, so he described his relationship to God in those terms. Some Christians have trusted God to save them for eternity, but they don’t have much confidence that He can provide for them in history. David’s beautiful, poetic testimony can help instill in us the confidence that He can.