

## PSALM 23

Date: November 9, 2025 - Psalm 23:1-6

Central Idea: We need to trust the authority of scripture as our rule of faith and behavior. Are you trusting God's word?

Introduction:

Three thousand years have passed since the psalmist David first sang the words of the twenty-third Psalm. Yet, this psalm is still as fresh as the day it was composed. Its ancient words are among the first that many of us learned as children. They are often among the last that we whisper to loved ones who lie in the darkness of life waiting for the daybreak of heaven. Only God Himself knows how often the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm has encouraged those who were dying and comforted those who were left behind.

I. David's Relational Needs, v. 1

II. David's Spiritual Needs, v. 2

1. "Green Pastures"

2. "Still Waters"

III. David's Directional Needs, v. 3

Proverbs 3:5,6

1. "He renews my life."

2. "He leads me."

Conclusion:

We all need to walk close to God and appreciate His intimacy. This involves trusting Him fully with every need and challenge in life. The Lord can only meet our needs when we are committed to the authority of scripture.

In coming to trust who the Shepherd is, we can come to appreciate what the Shepherd does. For example, if the Lord really is your Shepherd and you are really one of His sheep, you will not want for rest. He makes His sheep to lie down in green pastures.