

PSALM 23

Date: November 16, 2025 - Psalm 23:1-6

Central Idea: Our Divine Shepherd is always there to protect and guide us. Are you following the Shepherd?

Introduction: No Psalm has gained more admirers than Psalm 23. In it, we learn not only about God's nature but also about His loving leadership. David describes the Lord as a Shepherd, no doubt seeing Him this way because of His own leadership bias. David also had been a model shepherd. David is telling us that this leadership grows out of a personal relationship. Some consider verse 4 as the central verse of this Psalm. Notice that the personal pronoun changes from "he" to "you." David is not speaking about the Shepherd but speaking to the Shepherd.

God meets our every need—

1. David's Relational Needs, v. 1
2. David's Spiritual Needs, v. 2
3. David's Directional Needs, v. 3
4. David's Emotional Needs, v. 4
5. David's Physical Needs, v. 5

Conclusion: Psalm 23 describes the ultimate Shepherd performing several functions. The Shepherd does the following:

- Provides, v. 1
- Gives Rest, v. 2
- Confidently Leads, v. 3
- Renews and Restores, v. 3
- Guides and Directs, v. 3
- Protects, v. 4
- Corrects and Comforts, v. 4
- Feeds and Anoints, v. 5

--John Maxwell