

## PSALM 23

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

Central Idea: Place your future in the hands of God. Are you trusting God for your future?

Introduction:

Some people spend their lives worrying about all the horrible things that may happen tomorrow. Worrying becomes a hobby! If your only thoughts of the future are filled with worry, it would be wiser not to think at all about what is coming. Your tomorrows are ruining your todays. But there is an even better way to handle your tomorrows than to ignore them. That is to place your future in the hands of God.

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
6. David's Eternal Needs, v. 6
  - 1) "Goodness" is getting those things that we do not deserve.
  - 2) "Mercy" is withholding those things we do deserve.
  - 3) Goodness to provide
  - 4) Mercy to pardon
  - 5) Safely home forever

Conclusion:

Psalm 23 begins and ends with God. "The LORD is my shepherd...I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." The psalm means nothing without Him. Christianity begins and ends with Jesus Christ. You become a Christian by knowing Him personally, and the prospect of the Christian is to dwell with Him for all eternity. Do you know Him?

It is only when you have come to place your confidence in Him personally that you can sing with David of old, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." It is then that you can affirm, with the conviction based on God's promise, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."