

## Psalm 23, Part 2

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### PSALM 23 –Christian Standard Bible

<sup>1</sup> *The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.*

<sup>2</sup> *He lets me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *He renews my life; he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup> *Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup> *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

<sup>6</sup> *Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.*

### Remember the powerful statements from verses 1-3;

**Trust God – I have what I need,**

**Wait on God – He leads me,**

**He is in control – For His name's sake.**

### Like last week, we will be looking at some powerful statements in verses 4-6.

4) \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.”* Psalm 23:4

Earlier, David wrote about happy thoughts like *green pastures* and *quiet waters*. But the reality that David is showing us here, is that we may still \_\_\_\_\_.

The use of the word \_\_\_\_\_ here, brings David face-to-face with evil.

*“Death in its substance has been removed, and only the shadow of it remains.... Nobody is afraid of a shadow, for a shadow cannot stop a man's pathway even for a moment. The shadow of a dog cannot bite; the shadow of a sword cannot kill; the shadow of death cannot destroy us.”* (Spurgeon)

Your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Remember that sheep are defenseless animals and \_\_\_\_\_.

But the shepherd brings \_\_\_\_\_.

**The rod** was used to defend and rescue the sheep.

**The staff** was a tool of support to keep the sheep in line.

The rod and staff should bring comfort because they are powerful \_\_\_\_\_.

5a) \_\_\_\_\_.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Psalm 23:5

David remarks that God is inviting him and US, to a \_\_\_\_\_ table.

5b) \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you."* John 15:18

Because God is \_\_\_\_\_, and He \_\_\_\_\_ to him .

Remember that the table we are all invited to, is \_\_\_\_\_.

6) \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live."* Psalm 23:6

David chose to see all of \_\_\_\_\_ instead of all \_\_\_\_\_.

The psalm draws to an end here with the assurance that David and US, would enjoy the presence of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_.

*For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

As we close out this study on Psalm 23, I want to pose another question:

**What would have happened if David \_\_\_\_\_ in that darkest valley?**

The ups and downs in this psalm tend to be a reflection of how life feels most days. It starts with the **green pastures** and **quiet waters**, then leads us through the **darkest valleys**. But He is there with is **rod and staff** and to lead us on the **right paths** and the promise of His **goodness and faithful love WILL pursue us all the days of our lives!**

**NO matter what you are going through in your life, if you know Jesus as your Lord and good shepherd, remember these truth statements;**

- VERSE 1: Trust God \_\_\_\_\_
- VERSE 2: Wait on God \_\_\_\_\_
- VERSE 3: He is in control \_\_\_\_\_
- VERSE 4: Follow God \_\_\_\_\_
- VERSE 5: God provides \_\_\_\_\_
- VERSE 6: He saved me \_\_\_\_\_