



Psalms 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd – **FAITH**
I shall not want – **ASSURANCE**
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures –
CONTENTMENT
He leadeth me beside the still waters – **PEACE**

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- 3 He restoreth my soul – **LIFE**
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake – **LEADERSHIP**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death – **CONFIDENCE**
I will fear no evil – **COURAGE**.
For thou art with me – **COMPANIONSHIP**
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me – **COMFORT**

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- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies – **PROVIDENCE**
Thou anointest my head with oil – **FAVOR**
My cup runneth over – **JOY**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life – **MERCY**
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever
– **IMMORTALITY**

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Life: “He restoreth my soul”

To restore the soul seems to imply life again.
cf. James 2:26

“If a man die, shall he live again.” Job 14:14

- This is why David was not afraid to walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
- This is why he ate instead of fasting when his son died.
- He could go to him. 2 Samuel 12:22-23
- Evidently David foresaw the resurrection.
cf. Psalms 16:10; Acts 2:31
- Jesus spoke of the resurrection. John 11:25
– All will be raised. John 5:28-29

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Leadership: “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake”

The Lord leads, David followed.

- Man cannot direct his own steps. cf. Jeremiah 10:23
- David was led by God through the teaching of the OT
- Today God leads us through the NT
– God’s righteousness is found in the gospel.
Romans 1:16-17
– All of us are to walk by this same rule.
Philippians 3:15-16

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The Lord leads and we are to follow. Lk. 9:23

- Many rather elect to follow blind guides.
cf. Matthew 15:14
 - Their end is the ditch. cf. verse 13
- The Lord is the Good Shepherd and cares for the sheep. **John 10:1-4,11-14**
 - We can follow with confidence.

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The Lord has the words of life.

- Peter and the disciples could not look elsewhere.
cf. John 6:66-68; cf. John 16:13f; Romans 8:14
- Now He has proven that He can and will lead us through the valley of the shadow of death.
 - He was tempted. **cf. Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15**
 - He died. **Hebrews 2:14-15; cf. Revelation 1:17-18**
 - And He proved that man can and will be raised from the dead. **cf. Acts 2:24; Colossians 2:15**
- We are to walk as He walked. **1 John 2:5-6; 1 Peter 2:21**

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Confidence: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"

- The walk is the walk all men must take.
Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 9:5
- Such confidence is born of hope.
Philippians 1:23; 2 Corinthians 5:6,8
- Such hope should rest upon the promises of God. **2 Peter 1:4; Hebrews 10:22-23**
- All the fear of death should be removed from us. **Hebrews 2:14-15; Hebrews 13:5-6**

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