



Psalm 23

Concluding Lesson for the Series on Psalms
2017

Psalm 23.1-4

The Lord is my shepherd

Psalm 23:1-4 (ESV)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

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Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)

- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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The Goodness of God

David is:

- **Confident in God**
- **Wholly dependent on God**
- **Safe with God.**

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- **Two principle metaphors**
 - Shepherd (vv. 1-4)
 - Host (vv. 5-6)
- **Two section titles**
 - The Lord is My Shepherd
 - The Lord is My Host

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- יהוה (YHWH) the personal name for God.
- 2nd and 3rd persons for God (YHWH)
 - Third person (he) (vv. 1-3)
 - Second person (you) (v. 4-5)
 - Third person (v. 6)

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Psalm 147:4 (ESV)

**⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

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John 10:11 (ESV)

¹¹ I am the **good shepherd**. The **good shepherd** lays down his life for the sheep.

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Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV) ²⁰

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the **great shepherd of the sheep**, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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1 Peter 2:24-25 (ESV)

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. **25** For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to **the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

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Revelation 7:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ For the **Lamb** in the midst of the throne will be their **shepherd**, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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1 Peter 5:1-4 (ESV)

- 1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:
- 2 **shepherd the flock** of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;
- 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.
- 4 And when the **chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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Matthew 16:24 (ESV)

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

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The Lord is my host

The Lord is my Host:

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

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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- **Dwelling in God's house is a means of refuge from enemies.**
- **Dwelling in God's house implies an intimate relationship with God.**
- **God is a very gracious host.**

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Acts 14:21-22 (NIV)

21 They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,

22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

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James 1:2-4 (ESV)

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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