

**Psalm 23**  
Psalm of David

March 5

**Following in the Personal Care of the Good Shepherd**

He is everything that I need!

- A shepherd boy knows his Shepherd Lord
- He settles me down
- He helps me find
- He brings me back
- He knows the best ways

Consider all the unseen work the shepherd does!

What ways can we embrace the Shepherd's wisdom for us?

1 The Lord is my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even in the darkest moments

- The life of the sheep is in the life of the shepherd
- I am not afraid because YOU are with me
- Your protection comforts me
- So does your gracious care and support

Consider the sacrifice our Shepherd takes so we can walk THROUGH these dark lonesome valleys.

4 Even though I walk through

the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

And He has so much more for us!

- A feasting table that welcomes, satisfies and vindicates
- An anointing that honors, heals, restores and overflows

Consider the honor & joy we have to come to the Lord's Supper

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

His steadfast goodness and mercy never ends

- He is all I need, He is always with me, He welcomes me home.
- I will not lack, I won't fear, I will dwell with Him forever

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