

Psalm 23

Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved passages in Scripture. It presents **God as a shepherd** who provides, protects, guides, and remains present with His people in every circumstance.

David uses the shepherd–sheep relationship to express **deep trust** in God’s care, even in danger, uncertainty, or opposition

The Lord as Shepherd (vv. 1–3)

David begins with the famous line:

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

This opening sets the tone:

- God provides everything essential.
- He leads to **green pastures** and **still waters**, symbols of rest, nourishment, and peace.
- He **restores the soul**—renewing strength and hope.
- He guides along **right paths**, not for our reputation but *“for His name’s sake.”*

Theme: God’s guidance is wise, gentle, and purposeful.