



Psalm 23:1-6

God Is My Shepherd

- I. Introduction:** David writes this psalm to praise God for being his Shepherd, whom he can trust through all of life's circumstances.

- II. God Is My Shepherd (Psa 23:1-6).**
 - A. Our Master (v. 1).**
 - 1. David says that the Lord is his Shepherd who guides and leads him, providing him with the right direction and everything that he needs.

 - B. Our Provider (v. 2).**
 - 1. King David says that God alone provides the green pastures and quiet waters of life because only He knows how to calm His easily frightened people.

 - C. Our Comforter (v. 3).**
 - 1. The psalmist says that his Shepherd is able to restore his soul by leading him in the paths of righteousness, which other people have also walked in.

 - D. Our Protector (v. 4).**
 - 1. The Good Shepherd leads His people through difficult times and hard periods of life, protecting them with His skill and power.

 - E. Our Benefactor (vv. 5-6).**
 - 1. The Lord provides food and medicine for His people in the midst of their enemies, so that His sheep experience blessing and goodness.

- III. Conclusion:** This psalm is meant to praise God as the Good Shepherd, who provides His people with guidance, nourishment, comfort, protection, and blessings.



Questions About: God Is My Shepherd

1. What comes to mind when you think of a shepherd? What are their duties? (**Psa 23:1-6**) How are God's people like sheep? (**Psa 100:3; Isa 53:6**) What does this tell you about yourself?
2. How does Jesus describe Himself as a Shepherd? (**John 10:24; Heb 13:20; 1 Peter 5:4**) How does a shepherd lead sheep? (**John 10:4-6**) How was God David's Shepherd? (**Ps 23:1**)
3. Who is the person who "shepherds" you? Whose voice are you listening to? What is the result of God's leading? (**Ps 23:1; John 10:10**) What is a sheep without a shepherd?
4. How does a shepherd provide for his sheep? (**Psa 23:2**) How does the Lord make His sheep lie down? (**v. 2**) What is the significance of the restful waters? (**v. 2**)
5. How does the Shepherd restore the sheep's soul? (**Psa 23:3; Psa 19:7**) How are people looking for rest for their souls? How did Jesus offer this kind of rest? (**Matt 11:28**)
6. What does the change of pronouns indicate in verse 4? (**Psa 23:4-6**) How do the valleys of life drive us closer to God? (**John 16:33**) Why did David not fear evil? (**v. 4**)
7. How is God described as our Benefactor? (**Psa 23:5-6**) Why did shepherds anoint sheep with oil? (**Ps 45:7; John 12:1-8**) Why did David's cup overflow? (**v. 5**)
8. What does David say will follow him all the days of his life? (**Psa 23:6**) Where does David ultimately believe he would live? (**v. 6**) What does this psalm teach you about God?

Prayer

1. Pray that God will help you depend upon Him like a sheep depends on a shepherd.
2. Ask God to draw you close to His presence in times of difficulty or sorrow.