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Lightning Study

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of
righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I 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 have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will
follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.

Instructions

Sometimes when we slow down and ask questions in a passage that is very familiar we can find new lessons to encourage us.

Read through the passage and mark every reference to **God** including the pronouns.

Who is the Shepherd?

When we describe the Lord we usually use adjectives – the psalmist uses verbs. **In the text, number each of the verbs that the psalmist uses to describe the Shepherd.**

Based on what you have seen, what kind of relationship does the psalmist have with the Shepherd? How do you know that?

Where is the Lord is our shepherd? Can you find all six places? Underline each one. What does each place represent?

When the Lord is our Shepherd how does it affect our emotional well-being?

What does the Shepherd use to bring us comfort?

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Mark 6

34 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Cross References can give us further insight into a passage.

In **Mark 6:34** how does Jesus describe the crowd?

How does this contrast what you learned in Psalm 23?

Which passage best describes you, Psalm 23 or Mark 6? Why?

Read Revelation 7:15-17

For how long will the Lord be our shepherd?

Can you describe how these verses relate to Psalm 23:6?

Why not respond with a prayer of thanksgiving, confession or praise to the Lord for what you have learned through this study?

Revelation 7

15 “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

16 “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

My Prayer

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