

**Psalm 23:1-6:** A PSALM OF DAVID. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not lack anything. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod & your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness & mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life, & I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Intro: Bruce Waltke & Fred Zaspel:** "Psalm 23 is probably the best known piece of literature in the world." It may be the most popular, most loved chapter in all the Bible. It's the John 3:16 of the O. T. Spurgeon called it the pearl of the Psalms. It's read at almost every Christian funeral. Many have memorized it by heart. Many know & love this Psalm & its words, but do they know & love the Shepherd of the Psalm? Do you know Him? Yes!

**David Gibson:** (Uses Alec Motyer's outline): **Vs. 1-3:** The sheep & the shepherd; **V. 4:** The traveler & the companion; **Vs. 5-6:** The guest & the host. Each of these sections has a personal confession at it's heart: **1)** "I shall not want" (V. 1), **2)** "I shall not fear" (V. 4), & **3)** "I shall dwell" (V. 6). [I love this outline, but I see the Shepherd as the Shepherd, the Shepherd-Companion, & the Shepherd-Host, always caring for the sheep.]

Abel, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, & David were all shepherds. The Kings of Israel are spoken of as shepherds. And God is the great Shepherd-King, providing for, protecting, & satisfying His people forever!

A PSALM OF DAVID; A Psalm for you if you are in Christ: for all the sure mercies of David are yours in Christ!

The LORD your Shepherd provides all your needs for your greatest good, stays with you forever & more than conquers all of your enemies so that you have no fear, & pursues you with goodness & mercy all your days so that you shall dwell with Him forever where there's fullness of joy & pleasures forevermore!

### **1. The LORD Is The Shepherd Who Gives You Everything You Need And Everything That's Best**

**Psalm 23:1:** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not lack anything.

**a. The LORD is your shepherd:** The LORD Who created heaven & earth out of nothing! The LORD Who is LORD of all the universe; the LORD Who calls all of the trillions of stars out by name; the LORD Who destroyed the whole world & all that was in it with a great flood; the LORD of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob; the LORD Who brought Joseph from the pit, to the prison, to the palace; the LORD of the ten plagues & the parting of the Red Sea; the LORD Who is a man of war; the LORD of the glory cloud filling the tabernacle; the LORD who shakes the cedars of Lebanon & Who caused all of Mount Sinai to tremble violently; the LORD Who kept Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego safe in the fiery furnace; the LORD Who shut the mouths of the lions to protect Daniel; the LORD Who showed Himself to Daniel as the Ancient of Days; the LORD Who killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night; the LORD who chased Jonah down with goodness & mercy by swallowing him with a big fish; the LORD Who is in the heavens & does whatever He pleases; the LORD Who "has all life, all glory, all goodness, all blessedness, in & of Himself, & is alone, in & of Himself, totally all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He has made (WCF)", the LORD Who came in the flesh, Jesus the Son & died & rose for our salvation; the LORD Who is coming back to destroy all of His & your enemies; the LORD before Whom no one can stand face to face & live! THAT LORD is your Shepherd! Is He your Shepherd or Judge? **GOSPEL!**

**b. Echoes from the Exodus: Exodus 3:14-15:** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, & the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, & thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

- **John 8:58:** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

- **John 10:11:** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**c. Notice the contrast between the LORD & a shepherd: Randy Alcorn:** Egyptians considered sheep worthless for food and sacrifice. Egyptian art forms & historical records portray shepherds negatively. Neighboring Arabs, their enemy, were shepherds, & Egyptian hatred climaxed when shepherd kings seized Lower Egypt. Pharaoh's clean-shaven court looked down on the rugged shepherd sons of Jacob. Joseph matter-of-factly informed his brothers, "Every shepherd is detestable to the Egyptians"(Gen 46:34). . . After the settling in Palestine, shepherding ceased to hold its prominent position. As the Israelites acquired more farmland, pasturing decreased. Shepherding became a menial vocation for the laboring class. Around 1000 BC, David's emergence as king temporarily raised the shepherd's image. The lowliness of this trade made David's promotion striking (**2 Sam 7:8**: Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel). . . In the days of the Prophets, sheep-herders symbolized judgment & social desolation (Zeph 2:6). Amos contrasted his high calling as prophet with his former role as a shepherd (Amos 7:14). Dr. Joachim Jeremias says shepherds were "despised in everyday life."

**Jonathan Edwards:** (The Admirable Conjunction of Diverse Excellencies in Christ Jesus, Rev. 5: Lion/Lamb)

1. In Jesus is infinite highness & infinite condescension;
2. In Jesus is infinite justice & infinite grace.
3. In Jesus is infinite glory & lowest humility;
4. In Jesus are infinite majesty & transcendent meekness;
5. In Jesus are deepest reverence towards God & equality with God;
6. Infinite worthiness of good, & the greatest patience under sufferings of evil;
7. Jesus had an exceeding spirit of obedience, with supreme dominion over heaven & earth;
8. In Christ are self-sufficiency, & an entire trust & reliance on God;
9. On that cross, we see Jesus' greatest degree of humiliation, & His greatest glorification at the same time;
10. On that cross, Jesus suffered most extremely from sinners as He showed His greatest act of love toward sinners
11. It was in Christ's last sufferings, above all, that He was delivered up to the power of His enemies; & yet by these, above all, He obtained victory over His enemies!

**d. David is needy & so are you:** There is a great contrast in this Psalm between David (& us!) & the LORD. We need everything! God needs nothing! But God gives us everything we need! Do you see your need for God?

**Gibson:** He requires food, rest, water, guidance, shelter, comfort, housing, helping. You name it, David needs it. & here is the question Ps 23 asks: Can you see who gives David all that he needs? It is the God Who needs nothing & no one.

**e. Because the LORD is your Shepherd, you shall not lack anything that is good, right, & best for your everlasting good:** The whole rest of the Psalm demonstrates that if the LORD is your Shepherd, then He provides everything you need & that is best for you. And if you don't have it, you don't need it! (Supernatural satisfaction!)

**John Newton:** In Him I have an offering, an altar, a temple, a priest, a sun, a shield, a Savior, a shepherd, a hiding place, a resting place, food, medicine, riches, honor, wisdom, righteousness, holiness – in short, everything.

**f. Echoes from the Exodus: Deut 2:7:** For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.

- **Deut 28:47-48:** Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness & gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger & thirst, in nakedness, & lacking everything.

- **Psalm 34:10:** The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

- **Psalm 84:11:** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor & honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

- **Romans 8:32:** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

- **1 Corinthians 2:9:** But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

**James Hamilton:** Those whom Yahweh shepherds will be led to the place where all God's promises are realized, all needs met, & all fears gone.

## **2. The LORD Gives You Rest**

**Psalm 23:2:** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters [waters of rest].

**a. The LORD's aim is to give His people rest: Gen. 2:15:** The LORD God took the man & put him [caused him to rest] in the garden of Eden to work it & keep it . . . .

This rest is a rest without sin, without pain, without death – a rest in God's presence (joy!) & doing God's will!

**b. Echoes from the Exodus: Exodus 15:13:** You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation [pasture].

- **Numbers 10:33** So they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.

- **Deut. 12:9:** you have not as yet come to the rest & to the inheritance that the LORD your God is giving you.

**c. Jesus came to give us true rest: Mark 6:31:** he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."

- **Mark 6:34:** When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, & he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

- **Mark 6:39:** Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass.

- **John 10:9:** I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved & will go in and out and find pasture.

- **Matthew 11:28-30:** Come to me, all who labor & are heavy laden, & I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, & learn from me, for I am gentle & lowly in heart, & you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, & my burden is light.

**d. The LORD's Day points us to the final rest we will have in Christ in the New Heavens & New Earth:**

**Hebrews 4:9:** So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God . . . .

## **3. The LORD Restores Your Soul**

**Psalm 23:3:** He restores my soul.

**a. He saves our physical lives:** Shepherd's had to get the sheep back on their feet so they would not die. (cast)

**b. He saves us from eternal death:** Salvation!

**c. He restores us to have godly desires: Waltke/Zaspel (soul):** The word refers to our desires & appetites.

Usually the connotation is that of yearning – "my soul yearns for you" (Isa. 26:9). "My soul makes its boast in the LORD" (Ps. 34:2). The soul hungers & thirsts (42:2) & rejoices (35:9). "Soul" pertains to our vitality, our drives & appetites. **Psalm 19:7:** The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul [God gives us new, righteous desires!]

## **4. The LORD Leads You In Paths Of Righteousness**

**Psalm 23:3:** He leads me in paths of righteousness . . . .

**a. Echoes from the Exodus: Psalm 78:51-53:** He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham. <sup>52</sup> Then he led out his people like sheep & guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

<sup>53</sup> He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

- **Deuteronomy 10:12-13:** now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart & with all your soul, & to keep the commandments & statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?

**b. He leads us to trust & obey Him according to His Word:** New hearts; Law on hearts; Holy Spirit; Union

### **5. The LORD Leads You In Paths Of Righteousness For His Name's Sake**

**Psalm 23:3:** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Echoes from the Exodus: Psalm 106:8:** Yet he saved them for his name's sake . . . .

Created; Exodus; Prophets; Jesus came; Salvation; Christ's return – all, first & foremost, for God's glory!

**John Piper:** The deepest reason given for God's commitment to His people is His prior commitment to His own name. The rock-bottom foundation of our forgiveness & our fearlessness & our joy is the commitment of God to His own great name.

### **6. The LORD Is With You And Comforts You In The Face Of Death**

**Psalm 23:4:** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod & your staff, they comfort me.

**a. We walk through the valley of the shadow of death in this life:** Life is hard; People get sick; People suffer; People die; Your life may be hard right now; You or people you love may be sick right now – suffering right now – dying right now – or have just died. Cars wreck; planes crash; Hurricanes & tornadoes happen; War, hunger, death!

**b. God is sovereign over the valley of the shadow of death & sovereign over our walking through it:**

- **Job 1:20-22:** Then Job arose & tore his robe & shaved his head & fell on the ground & worshiped. <sup>21</sup> And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, & naked shall I return. The LORD gave, & the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." <sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

- **Isaiah 45:7:** I make well-being & create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

- **Amos 3:6:** Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?

**David Gibson:** My prayer for you as you read these lines is that you come to know the valley you are in to be God's valley & your good shepherd to be the one who has led you there. At this very moment, you might feel more lost than ever, in deepest darkness like a shroud, but you Lord Jesus is not standing there beside you lost or scratching His head wondering what to do. It may not yet be part of your theological framework that all things, including each valley, come from God's fatherly hand. But it needs to be. For if God is not in charge of the valley, how do you know he can get you through it?

**c. God is with you: Chad Bird:** The Beating Heart of Ps 23: Ps 23 has 55 Hebrew words in it. What's fascinating is what forms the numerical center of this psalm. At the heart of Ps 23 are the words, "For You are with me." There are 26 Hebrew words before that phrase, & 26 words after it. What's more, in the verses leading up to that phrase, the poet speaks of God in the third person: "He" does this & "He" does that. But when we get to this numerical center, the psalmist transitions into speaking to God directly, in the second person: for "You" are with me, "Your" rod & staff, "You" prepare. [Worship turns to "You!"] The abiding presence of the Shepherd with us, whether we're in the valley of the shadow of death or surrounded by enemies, is the beating heart of the poem. [**Pauline J**]

**David Gibson: Luther:** "The Psalter is a little Bible" – Gibson says "You are with me" is a little Bible!

- Garden of Eden – God was with Adam & Eve

- On Mount Horeb – God promised Moses that He would be with him in Egypt

- At Mount Sinai – God came to live with Israel in a tent; Spoke with Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend

- In the Promised Land – God came to live with Israel in the temple

- End of Ezekiel's great vision – the city is called "The LORD is there"

- In Jesus, God came to live with His people – as Immanuel "God with us"

- When Jesus went back to His Father, He sent His Holy Spirit so that He could come & live in us

- Jesus promised in the Great Commission that “I am with you always, to the end of the age”  
- In the New Heavens & New Earth, God will live with His people: **Revelation 21:3-4**: I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, they will be his people, & God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, & death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

**d. The rod & staff comfort:** 1) Correction: **Hebrews 12:5-6**: "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, & chastises every son whom he receives." [**Charles Spurgeon**: I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages.]

2) Protection: The rod is like a club to beat of enemies, to crush the head of the serpent. The staff counts & guides.  
- **Dale Ralph Davis**: Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, is no emaciated weakling. Our Shepherd is a warrior, as shepherds had to be. No one can snatch his sheep out of his hand (John 10:28). The muscles of his arm are flexed to defend his flock; he doesn't carry a club for nothing. He is obviously enough for whatever the valley throws at us.

### **7. The LORD Provides Abundantly For You In The Midst Of Your Enemies**

**Ps 23:5**: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows

**a. Echoes in the Exodus: Psalm 78:18-20**: They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? He struck the rock so that water gushed out & streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?"

**b. Preparing lavish feasts was how people's fame spread in that culture: George Lamsa**: In the East, a man's fame is spread by means of his table and lavish hospitality rather than by his possessions.

**c. The LORD Himself serves you: Gibson/Bailey**: In Middle East society the “master of the house provides the food, he does not prepare it.” (Abraham; Prodigal son's father) God does both! [Jesus washing feet; Phil. 2]

**d. This feast is in the presence of my enemies**: Raised “table” feeding trough; 2 Sam 17-David running from foes; **David Gibson**: There are wolves, thieves, & persecutors; there is the world itself, the flesh, & the devil. The point of it all is that when enemies are against you, Jesus is for you & with you. When all others forsake us, Jesus welcomes us, cares for us, protects us, & feeds us. [Jesus with Pharisees; Jesus with Judas at the last supper]

**e. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows**: Lavish, extravagant love & provision! Oil for sheep; Oil for guests at a feast – make my head fat with oil; Overflowing cups! Points to contentment in God provision.  
**Spurgeon**: A poor cottager broke a piece of bread & filled a glass with cold water, & as she did so, she asked, “What, all this, & Jesus Christ too?”

### **8. The LORD Pursues You With Goodness And Mercy All Of Your Days**

**Psalm 23:6**: Surely goodness & mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life . . . .

- **Exodus 14:9**: The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses & chariots & his horsemen & his army . . . .  
- **1 Samuel 23:25**: when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.  
- **Psalm 34:14**: Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace & pursue it.  
- **Exodus 33:19**: I will make all my goodness pass before you & will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, & will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

**a. The goodness & mercy of the LORD are always pursuing you**: They're like two, huge, unstoppable, supermen bodyguard-angels chasing, hunting, pursuing you everywhere you go! More! The LORD pursues!

**Gibson**: For God is His own attributes.

- **Genesis 50:20:** you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good
- **Romans 8:28:** we know that for those who love God all things work together for good

**John Piper:** (The Transforming Power of Feeling Mercy): What a difference it makes in everything, if we feel like we have just been rescued from torment and death! . . . Now add this to your imagination (though it shouldn't take imagination, only Biblical revelation), that you don't deserve to be rescued. Let it sink in - pray right now that God would make it sink in - that you and I deserve nothing but trouble and persecution and sickness and death and hell . . . Then add one more thing to your thinking. The one who rescued you had to die to do it, and he is the one Person in the universe who did NOT deserve to die. (4 Israeli hostages rescued!)

- b. Surely:** Certainty & Only; In Christ everything is only goodness & mercy for you, no matter how bad it seems!
- **Gibson:** In arguments with people: you always do that! God always & only pursues with goodness & mercy!

**c. One way the goodness & mercy of the LORD pursues you is through the local church:**

- **1 Peter 5:1-4:** 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: 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; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

- **Ephesians 4:11-12:** he [Christ] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors [shepherds (same as in Luke 2)] & teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ . . .

**9. You Will Dwell In The House Of The LORD Forever**

**Psalm 23:6:** And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. [I shall return to dwell in the house . . .]

**1 Thess 4:17-18:** & so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**2 Cor 5:8:** we would rather be away from the body & at home with the Lord.

**Phil 1:21, 23:** For to me to live is Christ, & to die is gain; My desire is to depart & be with Christ, for that is far better

**Song:** There in heaven, I'll see Jesus! Fullest pleasures, joys forevermore!

Life is true there, more true than my pain! Greater than my sorrows, forgotten memories!

- Come my LORD! Take me home! To the place, I belong!

There in heaven, right beside You! Take me home! Come my LORD!

- All our sadness, will be untrue! Death is banished, joys will be greater!

Love and dancing, all our tears are gone! Perfect peace is given, sin is cast away!

- Come my LORD! Take me home! To the place, I belong!

There in heaven, right beside You! Take me home! Come my LORD!

The girl crush at church illustration – hope, joy, patience, endurance, faithfulness!

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**10. The LORD Does All Of This For You**

**Psalm 23:1-6:** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not lack anything. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod & your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, & I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

- **Gibson:** “LORD” is 3<sup>rd</sup> word in the Ps & 3<sup>rd</sup> to last word in Ps; Our LORD surrounds whole Psalm & all of life!
- **Story:** Young man/old man reciting Ps 23. “The young man knew the words of Ps 23. I know the Shepherd.”

**What it cost to be the Good Shepherd: Ezekiel 34:15, 31:** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, & I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD . . . And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, & I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.

- This amazing truth is ultimately fulfilled in the Good Shepherd – the Lord Jesus Christ. Only in Him is supernatural satisfaction fully realized, & for this realization to happen, Jesus had to lay down His life for the sheep: **John 10:11:** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- Jesus had to lack everything for His sheep.
- Instead of the LORD being His shepherd, the LORD was His judge and cursed Him
- Instead of lacking nothing, He lacked everything as He cried out "My God! My God! Why have You forsaken Me?!"
- Instead of rest in green pastures, He had no place to lay His head
- Instead of still waters, He was baptized with the wrath of God
- Instead of a restored soul, His soul was poured out unto death
- Instead of being led in right paths, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter and offered Himself as a propitiation so that God might be proved righteous
- Instead of fearing no evil in the dark death valley, He was made evil Who knew no evil and sorrowed unto death as He contemplated the darkness of death that would utterly consume Him
- Instead of having God with Him as His comfort, God forsook Him, pouring out His just wrath upon Him
- Instead of having a rod and a staff to comfort Him, the rod of the Father was pleased to crush Him
- Instead of having a table spread before Him, He hungered in the wilderness and thirsted unto death – God prepared a table for Him with His enemy who sold Him over to death for 30 pieces of silver
- Instead of having His head anointed with oil, He wore a blood-soaked crown of thorns, and His head was anointed with His own precious blood
- Instead of having a cup that overflows, He drank the cup of the wrath of God to the dregs
- Instead of goodness and mercy pursuing Him all the days of His life, wrath and torment pursued Him unto death
- Instead of dwelling in the house of the LORD, He was banished from the dwelling of the LORD as the unclean and cursed one

Jesus had to lack everything as He Himself became the Lamb Who was slain. And He did all of this on behalf of stubborn, sinful, hell deserving sheep who rebelled against Him. This is the best news in the world! All who know this Good Shepherd by grace alone through faith alone will lack no good thing, for He will provide for them, protect them, comfort them, and satisfy them fully – He will be all and all to them now and forever and ever:

- **Revelation 7:15-17:** Therefore they are before the throne of God, & serve Him day & night in His temple; & He Who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their **Shepherd**, & He will guide them to springs of living water, & God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
- Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Christ Jesus Is My Shepherd LORD  
 I Lack No Thing In Him Adored  
 He Grants Me Peace, My Soul's Restored  
 In Righteous Paths He Leads Me Toward  
 Life For His Name's Sake, Christ The LORD  
 And Though I Walk Through Death Abhorred  
 I'll Fear No Wicked, Evil Horde  
 For You Are With Me, Mercy's Poured  
 Like Oil On My Head Reward  
 I Overflow With Joys Stored

Goodness And Mercy Chase Me Toward  
 His House Forever Where I've Soared  
 To Heights Of Pleasures In My LORD  
 All Because God's Wrath Was Poured  
 On Christ My Shepherd Who's Abhorred  
 Hell's Anger Pierced Him Like A Sword  
 He Died And Rose For His Reward  
 All Praise, All Nations Are Restored  
 Now My Shepherd's My Reward  
 Who Will Forever Be Adored!