

The Lord is My Shepherd Meditation (Psalm 23)

Psalm 23:1 - "The LORD is my Shepherd. I shall not want."

You are my best friend and my Shepherd. You always supply me with more than enough. Your grace is ready to abound towards me in abundance so that at all times and under all circumstances, and whatever the need, I am self-sufficient in You. What You supply, I take. I possess every favor and earthly blessing to be fully furnished for every good work.

Psalm 23:2-3 - "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake."

You are offering me a resting place in Your abundant love. As I meditate Your truths, I travel Your paths of peace. This is how You revive my mind, my will, and my emotions.

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 and Your staff, they comfort me."

You lead me THROUGH every valley of deepest darkness. You bring me safely to the other side. I will not fear nor allow my heart to be troubled. Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of Your love takes away my fear of evil. I will never be left to fend for myself, for You are near.

Psalm 23:5 - "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

You are my Bread of Life. I stay attentive to consume your words. Even as my enemies surround me, You are preparing a table of Your life-giving words before me. You are anointing me with the fragrance of Your Holy Spirit. You are giving me all I can drink of You until my cup overflows.

Psalm 23:6 - "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

So, I refuse to allow my heart to fear the future. Your mercies are new to me every morning. I am trusting that Your goodness and tender love are pursuing me every day of my life. Then afterward, when my life is through, I will return to Your glorious presence to be with You forever!

Closing Prayer:

LORD, thank You for being my faithful Shepherd, and because You are, I lack nothing. You lead me, You cover me, You fight for me, and You never leave me. When others walk away, You stay. When life grows dark, You shine. When my path is uncertain, You guide me with perfect wisdom and peace.

I will not fear, because You are with me. When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not tremble, for Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me. You see the danger I cannot see. You go before me and make every crooked place straight. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies, and You fill my cup to overflowing.

You restore my soul when I am weary. You anoint my head with oil when I feel forgotten. You speak peace when storms rage around me. You are not a distant God—you are my near and present Shepherd, and I trust You completely.

Even when I don't understand the path, I trust Your heart. When I feel weak, I lean on Your strength. You don't run when things get hard—you draw closer. You are faithful, steady, and true. You are my Shepherd in the sunshine and in the storm. You never lose track of me. You never sleep. You never change. Praise You, my faithful Shepherd!

In the mighty name of Jesus, AMEN!