

## The LORD Is My Shepherd Psalm 23

### Psalm 28:9

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

### Psalm 77:20

You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### Psalm 78:52

Then he led out his people like sheep  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

### Psalm 79:13

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,  
will give thanks to you forever;  
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

### Psalm 80:1

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

### Genesis 48:15

And he blessed Joseph and said,  
“ The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,  
the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day,

### Derek Kidner

Depth and strength underlie the simplicity of this psalm. Its peace is not escape; its contentment is not complacency: there is readiness to face deep darkness and imminent attack, and the climax reveals a love which homes towards no material goal but to the Lord himself.

### #1: Contentment (23:1)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

### David Gibson:

The one whom you need to shepherd you neither needs you nor needs to be shepherded himself as he gives himself to shepherd you. He shepherds you from his eternally undiminishing fullness, and he is never the poorer for it.

### #2: Restoration (23:2-3a)

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

### #3: Guidance (23:3b)

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

#### **#4: Comfort (23:4)**

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.

#### **#5: Hospitality (23:5)**

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

#### **#6: Fellowship (23:6)**

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### **Revelation 7:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”