

psalm 23

A Psalm of David

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 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 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 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.

English Standard Version



Scripture memory is not an end in itself. The purpose of memorizing scripture is not merely knowledge about God. It is to know and experience His character, His ways and His purposes—to grow in intimate communion with Him. When scripture is committed to memory, you can meditate on it at any time of day, no matter the place or circumstance, and draw upon it when you need guidance or comfort.

The 23rd Psalm is one of the most widely recognized passages of the Bible. It speaks to the personal care that God uniquely provides, like a shepherd cares for his sheep. There is great benefit for us, individually and collectively, in memorizing this treasured passage of scripture so that we know the Shepherd and experience His provision and care.

“I have all things and abound; not because I have a good store of money in the bank, not because I have skill and wit with which to win my bread, but because the Lord is my Shepherd.”

– Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Baptist preacher • 1834–1892

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some ideas for making the most of memorizing Psalm 23 and other scriptures.

BOOKS

- *Taking The Word To Heart: Five Ways to Get a Grip on God’s Word* by Nancy Taylor
- *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller

DAILY REMINDERS

Downtown Campus Pastor Lee Hsia created a 7-day journey that will lead you through one verse of Psalm 23 each day, with the entire Psalm on the seventh day. You can text **psalm23** to **72717** to receive text messages, or sign up for emails at <http://hfbc.journeymaker.org/psalm23>.

APP

There are many apps geared for scripture memory, one of which is Bible Minded (biblemindedapp.com). Just choose the passage and version you want to memorize, and use the Study Mode to help you learn it quickly.

