

# MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

## I Trust God to Meet My Needs

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### Introduction: A Matter of Personal Pronouns

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He guides 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 and 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 and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1. The LORD is my pastor.

- Psalm 23:1a ***The LORD is my shepherd.***
- John 10:2-3 <sup>2</sup> ***The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.*** <sup>3</sup> ***The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.***

2. The LORD is my provider.

- Psalm 23:1 ***Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need!*** – (The Living Bible)
- John 10:10 ***The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.***

3. The LORD is my protector.

- Psalm 23:1 ***The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.***
- Isaiah 40:10-11 <sup>10</sup> ***See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.*** <sup>11</sup> ***He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.***

**Conclusion:** One you can trust!

## G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

*Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:*

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**Day 1:** Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1*. Today focus on the word ***“the”***. What does it mean to you that your Shepherd is the LORD, not a god? What seeks to take His place in your life? Today take time to praise Him for His care for you.

**Day 2:** Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1*. Today focus on the word ***“LORD”***. **LORD** is God's personal name in the Old Testament given in Exodus 3:15. God is worthy to be praised as our divine creator, and through Jesus our incredible Savior of all. What does it mean to you that God desires a personal relationship with you? That He cares about you? That He knows you better than you know yourself? Today praise God for His longing to have a personal relationship with you.

**Day 3:** Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1*. Today focus on the word ***“is”***. The Bible tells the great story of God, of how He has acted in history, how He will one day come back to take His followers to heaven. Today think about what it means that God is – God is with you, God is active, God is love. Psalm 23 reminds not just of what God has done or will do, but best of all that He ***is*** here now with you. Today thank God for His presence with you. Ask for what you need for day ahead. Seek to live out this day aware of His presence each moment.

**Day 4:** Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today focus on the word **“my”**. David could have said “our”, but instead he reminds himself of God’s one-on-one relationship with David (and with you). Today get personal with God. Share your heart, your life, you needs, your hopes, your dreams. While God is with everyone, praise God today for being with you!

**Day 5:** Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today focus on the word **“Shepherd”**. God is your pastor, your perfect pastor! He wants to lead you along life’s best path for your life. Today ask for His guidance and direction for what you face. Thank Him for His perfect love and care for you.

**Day 6:** Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today focus on the word **“I shall not be in want”**. The LORD God is your pastor, protector, provider and a whole lot more. Today thank Him for all that He does for you. Ask Him for what you need. Trust Him to provide and to guide you in the day ahead!

## GOING DEEPER & NEXT WEEK

- **Book:** “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23” by Phillip Keller
- **Next Week:** Psalm 23:2, “I Trust God to Give Me Rest”