



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1-6

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Key Concept

- The Lord (Yahweh) is our caring shepherd and our gracious host.
- 13 spiritual affirmations

Key Words:

- **Yahweh...YHWH...** "I am"

- **Shepherd...**

- Shepherds of sheep...(David the shepherd)
- Patriarchs...(Abraham, Jacob, Moses)
- Kings (good and bad)...(David the king)
- God...(by Jacob in Genesis 48:15)
- Jesus..."The good shepherd" John 10)
- Church pastors...(1 Peter 5:2)

The Lord, our caring Shepherd

Vs 1 "The Lord is...I have..."

- The great affirmation
- The great provider
- The difference between want and need
- The most critical decision in life
- Philippians 4:12

Can you affirm that the Lord is your personal shepherd today?

Can you be content with what the Lord has given you?

Vs 2 "He lets me rest...He leads me..."

- Food and water...essential of life
- Jesus is the bread of life and the living water

Are you daily being nourished by the Lord?

Vs 3 "He renews...He guides..."

- Renewal
- How does the Lord guide us?
 - Psalm 25:4 "Show me the right path, O Lord..."
 - Through His Word Psalm 119:105
 - Through His Holy Spirit Romans 8:14

Are you walking on the Lord's "righteous path" for you today?

(Note: Change here from talking about the Lord to talking to the Lord)

Vs 4 "Even when I walk...not afraid"

- From "leading" us to "beside" us
- The Lord our shepherd walks with us through difficult times.
- The Shepherd's "Rod" for protection and discipline
- The Shepherd's "Staff" for guidance and rescue

When you need the Lord most...he is there beside you.

The Lord, our gracious host

Vs 5 "You prepare..."

- The Lord's table
- The Lord's anointing
- The Lord's cup

Vs 6 "Surely your goodness..."

- Goodness and unfailing love
- Follow or pursue?
- Assurance for today...of goodness and unfailing love
- Assurance for tomorrow...of eternal life in heaven
- Psalm 127:4 "The one thing I ask of the Lord..."

Have you decided to follow the Lord as your shepherd?

Prayer

"Now may the God of peace...

who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus,

the great shepherd of the sheep

and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood...

may he equip you with all you need

for his doing his will.

May he produce in you,

through the power of Jesus Christ,

every good thing that is pleasing to him.

All glory to him forever and ever! Amen!

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What did he say? Didn't get it all? Check the bulletin board for the completed set of notes