

Notes

HIS PROTECTION

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Psalm 23 (Good News Translation)

The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

He Walks With Me

The sheep are willing to follow the shepherd

Does not say that we will die or we will stop.

The passage says we will walk

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything

else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35-39

A dangerous time, but a close time as the sheep and shepherd are alone.

In the difficult times we feel alone, but we grow closer to the shepherd

Mountain Top Moments

Moses & Mt. Sinai

Noah & Mt. Arat

Elijah & Mt. Carmel

Jesus & Mt. of Transfiguration

He Walks With Me Through The Valley

A trek must be made to the mountain, where the snow melts to reveal fresh green grass. It is a dangerous

journey because of poisonous plants, wild animals, narrow trails, avalanche, rock slides and storms.

There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the valley is the best route. It is easiest path and it provides water and green fields.

He Walks With A Rod and A Staff

David understood the rod and the staff.

The focus is on the answer and not the problem.

The rod is molded by the shepherd. It is his weapon and statement of power. Moses parted the Red Sea and struck the rock with his rod. Aaron's rod budded.

God's rod is His Word. It calms our fear and is His weapon. Rod is a symbol of authority.

Sheep passed under the rod for counting and inspection. "Pulling the wool over your eyes"

The staff is for the care of the sheep. God's staff is His Spirit. The staff draws guides, and frees.

The Spirit of God draws us in both salvation and renewal.

The Spirit of God guides us in both remembrance and direction.

The Spirit of God frees us from the barriers.

He Walks With Confidence

The Masai shepherds can kill cobra's with their rod.

David trusted his weapons enough that he chose them to face Goliath

Have confidence in your shepherd, walk with him through the danger, and you will arrive on the mountain.

*"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."
1 John 4:4*