

PRAYING PSALM 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).

This is a psalm of blessing. It is a promise to supply all you need. In Psalm 22 the Good Shepherd dies for the sheep. In Psalm 23 the Great Shepherd lives for the sheep. The following promises belong to you if Jesus is your shepherd. 1. Green pastures refer to food & rest. 2. Still waters speak of peace. 3. Restoring the soul is strength. 4. Leading you in paths of righteousness refers to making right choices. 5. Presence in the shadow of death. 6. Protection from evil. 7. Comfort. A rod was used by shepherds for discipling the sheep. A staff was used for guiding them. 8. A table in the presence of my enemies refers to blessings. 9. Anointing the head with oil is a symbol of divine purpose. 10. My cup runs over means overflowing joy. 11. Goodness and mercy will follow (lit. chasing after) you. I will live in the house of the Lord forever refers to David’s intention to worship God to the end of his days.

The purpose of a shepherd is to tend, herd, feed, and guard the sheep. You may not always be aware of the particular need your Shepherd is providing for. Don’t be afraid to request these blessings as you see your need for them. They are a Divine promise. They are yours for the asking. If you follow the Shepherd, you shall never lack.