

The 23rd Psalm - A model for prayer.

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The Lord is my shepherd, (JEHOVAH-ROHI)

Sheep are completely dependent on the Shepherd for provision, guidance, and protection.

Think about what it is for the Lord our God being our shepherd.

Think about your Relationship to the shepherd God the Father.

I shall not want; (JEHOVAH-JIREH)

"The Lord will Provide."

(Php 4:19) And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

God wants to know your needs and even your wants.

Talk to God as you would your Father.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

(Mat 11:28) "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Take this time of being still, in the presents of God to lay down your burdens.

Ask for forgiveness of your sins.

He leads me beside still waters;

Sheep will not drink from water that is moving. They know that they can't swim and the water is sure death if they fall in. The shepherd leads them to the still waters so they can drink with out fear.

Ask God to fill you with His living water.

Ask God to show you His will for you. Drink from God in his blessings.

He restores my soul. (JEHOVAH-SHALOM)

(Psa 51:12) Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

Ask God to make His love real to you each day.

Ask God to recharge you! As if you had spiritual batteries.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH)

People like sheep, tend to wander. We need God's guidance.

Ask God to plan out your day, to order your steps. In all things we do for His Name's sake!

We should all be in the race for Sanctification. "To make whole, to be set apart for holiness."

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; (JEHOVAH-NISSI)

The banner over me is Love, God's Love!

(Rom 8:38,39) For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ask God to be with you as He said he would, during the hard times in your life as He is in the good times!

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

The shepherd uses these to rescue, protect, and guide the sheep and they are a comfort to the sheep.

(Psa 139:23,24) Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Ask God to search you to see what is needed in your life.

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Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

God's Sovereign Love is Our Comfort! God not only will feed us but sets out a feast for us!

Be thankful for what God has given you. Count your many blessings.

Take this time to thank Him.

Thou anointest my head with oil; (JEHOVAH-ROPHE)

The Shepherd knows his sheep by name. He loves and cares for each of them. He puts oil and salve on their wounds so to heal the hurt.

Ask God to pour out His anointing on you and your life.

Ask God for your healing both spiritual and physical. God still heals!

My cup runneth over.

During the time this was written, letting a cup of wine overflow the top was a sign of regard for an important guest.

If God overflows your cup people around you should get wet.

Ask God to overflow your heart with His love so you can take His love to a dying world.

They will know we are Christians by our Love!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

God's Goodness and Grace pursues us!

We often spend time running away from God and God is always running to us.

Thank God for blessing your life and ask Him to help you bless others.

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

His is the Alpha and Omega.

(Joh 14:3) "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

(1Co 15:55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Did you get that? We will dwell in the house of our Lord for ever!

This is a time for praise and thanksgiving.

Think about living for ever with God. Amen

The Names of God Listed:

(JEHOVAH-ROHI) "**The Lord Our Shepherd**" Psa. 23, from "ro'eh" (to pasture).

(JEHOVAH-JIREH) "**The Lord will Provide.**" Gen. 22:14. From "jireh" ("to see" or "to provide," or to "foresee" as a prophet.) God always provides, adequate when the times come.

(JEHOVAH-SHALOM) "**The Lord Our Peace**" Judges 6:24. "Shalom" translated "peace" 170 times means "whole," "finished," "fulfilled," "perfected."

(JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH) "**The Lord Who Sanctifies**" Lev. 20:8. "To make whole, set apart for holiness."

(JEHOVAH-NISSI) "**The Lord Our Banner.**" Ex. 17:15. God on the battlefield, from word which means "to glisten," "to lift up," See Psalm 4:6.

(JEHOVAH-ROPHE) "**The Lord Who Heals**" Ex. 15:22-26. From "rophe" ("to heal"); implies spiritual, emotional as well as physical healing. (Jer. 30:17, 3:22; Isa. 61:1) God heals body, soul and spirit; all levels of man's being.