FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD

PSALM 23

Psalm 23 is relatable. Psalm 23 is memorable. Psalm 23 is inspirational. Psalm 23 is theological.

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To the surrounding text:

In the middle of book I of Psalms.

In the middle of a section of songs referring to the Shepherd.

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The Shepherd Psalms

Psalm 22

Psalm 23

Psalm 24

The Good Shepherd dying for His sheep.

The Great Shepherd caring for His sheep.

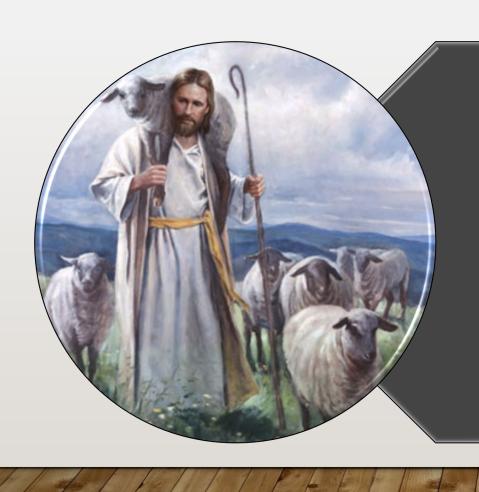
The Chief Shepherd coming for His sheep.

PSALM 23 IS RELATABLE.

To the immediate audience:

"Shepherd and his sheep..."

SHEPHERD



Leader

- Brave
- Wise
- Cautious
- Caring

SHEEP



Prone to wander

- Unintelligent
- Unable to defend
- Easily frightened
- Easily confused

Psalm 23 is memorable.

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"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

PSALM 23 IS MEMORABLE.

Two Conversations

Between two sheep about the Shepherd (1-3)

Between one sheep and his Shepherd (4-6)

Psalm 23 is inspirational.

You shall not want for...

Rest and refreshment (2)

You shall not want for...

Restoration and righteousness (3)

You shall not want for...

Peace in the midst of trials (4)

You shall not want for...

Provision in the midst of adversity (5)

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Surely^[d] goodness and mercy^[e] shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. [8]

PSALM 23 ISTUEOLOGICAL Only

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

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Steadfast love

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

and I shall dwell^[1] in the house of the Lord forever.^[2]

Surely^[d] goodness and mercy^[e] shall follow me all the days of my life.

Be restored

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. [8]

Surely^[d] goodness and mercy^[e] shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell the Lord forever.

For length of days

Surely^[d] goodness and mercy^[e] shall follow me all the days of my life,

Names of God and I shan uven mouse of the Lord forever. [2]

Jehovah-Raah (1)

The Lord, my shepherd (Psalm 23:1)

Jehovah-Jireh (2)

The Lord will provide (Genesis 22:13-14).

Jehovah-Rapha (3a)

The Lord will heal or restore (Exodus 15:26).

Jehovah-Tsidkenu (3b)

The Lord our righteous (Jeremiah 23:6).

Jehovah-Shalom (4)

The Lord, our peace (Judges 6:24)

Jehovah-Nissi (5-6)

The Lord, our banner (Exodus 17:8-15)

Connection to Christ

John 10:1-18

Heb. 13:20-21

I Peter 5:4

The Good Shepherd dying for His sheep.

The Great Shepherd caring for His sheep.

The Chief Shepherd coming for His sheep.

¹⁻³ God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

⁴ Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.
 You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing

⁶ Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

Application:

Make the Lord your Shepherd today!

Application:

Find not want ed satismal on in your aship with Jesus.

Application:

Brag about the Shepherd to other sheep in the fold.

The care of the Shepherd

The characteristics of the Shepherd

