

Discover. Go Deeper with Others. Disciple.

Lightning Study

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of
righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort
me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will
follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.

Instructions

Sometimes when we slow down and ask questions in a passage that is very familiar we can find new lessons to encourage us.

Observe

Read through the passage and mark every reference to **God** including the pronouns.

Who are the main people in this Psalm?

What does this Psalm teach about God? List what you learn.

Interpret

What is the change of pronoun halfway through – what does that tell you?

When we describe God we usually use adjectives – describing words. What sort of words does the writer use? What does that teach you?

Observe

Where is the Lord is our shepherd? Can you find all six places? Underline each one.

Interpret

What does each place represent?

Apply

What can we learn about the Lord being our Shepherd?

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Mark 6

34 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Cross References are other passages that speak of the same idea.

Observe

In Mark 6 : 34 how does Jesus describe the crowd?

Interpret

How does this contrast what you learned in Psalm 23?

Apply

Which passage best represents you?

Observe

Read Revelation 7:15-17

For how long will the Lord be our shepherd?

Interpret

Can you describe how these verses relate to Psalm 23:6?

Apply

Use the lessons you have learned to write a prayer expressing to God what it means for you to say "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Revelation 7

15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

16 "They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

My Prayer

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