

**Series Psalm 23 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
"I Shall Not Want"
Psalm 23:1
Part-1**

Psalm 23 is the best-known and best-loved chapter in all of Scripture.

This is a Psalm Of Life! The Lord Our Shepherd Gives Us Rest, Restoration, Guidance, Safety, Provision, and Heaven!

What Are The Psalms – word **Psalms** - "*a poem sung to musical accompaniment; a song sung to the accompaniment of a plucked instrument*"
The Hebrew poetry that was set to music. David wrote **73 Psalms** out of the **150 Psalms**.

The Context of **Psalm 23** is between **Psalm 22** and **Psalm 24**

**Book: "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" By Phillip Keller
(He was a Shepherd)**

The Thought Of Our Passage: "The LORD Is My Shepherd And Since The Lord Is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want."

- 1. The Psalm**
- 2. The Lord**
- 3. My Shepherd**
- 4. I Shall Not Want**

1. The Psalm:

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Author: This Psalm is called a "Psalm of David" and was written 3000 years ago. There is no debate or question as to the author of this Psalm. David was even introduced in Scripture as a shepherd.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Verse 12 Now **he was ruddy**, *red hair, possibly freckled*

David was a shepherd, and the son of a shepherd, who became "The Shepherd King"

Verses 1-4 The Lord My Shepherd:

Verses 5-6 The Lord My Host:

Verses 1-4 The Lord My Shepherd:

- 1. I Shall Not Want: Verse 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

2. I Shall Not Want For Rest: Verse 2 He makes me lie down
3. I Shall Not Want For Restoration: Verse 3 He restores my soul;
4. I Shall Not Want For Guidance: Verse 3 He guides me
5. I Shall Not Want For Safety: Verse 4 I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Verses 5-6 The Lord My Host:

6. I Shall Not Want For Provision:
Verse 5 You prepare a table before me
7. I Shall Not Want For Eternity:
Verse 6 I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2. The Lord:

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The LORD – Note that the title **LORD** each letter is capitalized. In Hebrew it is 4 letters **YHWH** there are no vowels. Why? The Jews had such reverence for God that God's name should not even be spoken with their lips. When they would come to God's name in Scripture, they would bow their heads and say, "The Name!" Probably pronounced "Yah·weh" In English it is Jehovah which means, "*To Be, the Becoming One, the Self Existent One, Timeless, Self-sufficiency*"

Jehovah – first disclosed to Moses in the burning bush **Exodus 3:13-15**

"**The Name**" is repeated more than **4,000 times** in the rest of the OT.

The Bible contains "Seven Compound Names of God"
All 7 in Psalm 23

1. **Jehovah Jireh (Genesis 22:14)** "The LORD will provide"
2. **Jehovah Rapha (Exodus 15:26)** "The LORD our Healer"
3. **Jehovah Nissi (Exodus 17:15)** "The LORD our Banner"
4. **Jehovah Shalom (Judges 6:24)** "The LORD our Peace"
5. **Jehovah Raah (Psalms 23:1)** "The LORD our Shepherd"
6. **Jehovah Tsidkenu (Jeremiah 23:6)** "The LORD our Righteousness"
7. **Jehovah Shammah (Ezekiel 48:35)** "The LORD is Present"

3. My Shepherd:

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Jehovah Raah (Psalms 23:1) "The LORD our Shepherd" is my (shepherd) –

is my shepherd, In ancient society, a shepherd's work was considered the lowest of work. **Luke 15:4-7**

is my shepherd, the very first time God was called shepherd was by Jacob as he was dying, **Genesis 48:15**

The Bible has likened His people to sheep throughout Scripture. Psalm 28:9; Psalm 78:52; 80:1; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:31

Jesus Is Called "The Good Shepherd" John 10:11, 14

Jesus Is Called "The Great Shepherd" Hebrews 13:20-21 Risen King

Jesus Is Called "The Chief Shepherd" 1 Peter 5:4 Over All Things

Sheep Are Individuals/With Shared Characteristics.

1. Sheep Lack Direction:

2. Sheep Are Defenseless: Sheep Get Frightened Easily:

1. Sheep Will Run:

2. Sheep Kick: The Ewe (Female) is prone to kicking if she is protecting her young.

3. Sheep Are Dependent Creatures: They Can't Get Up Without Help:

A "cast" sheep is actually a pitiful sight.

4. Sheep Being Dependent Uniquely Know The Voice of Their Shepherd: Our Relationship With The Shepard Is Personal: John 10:14, 27

Our Relationship With The Shepard Is Permanent: John 10:28-30

my shepherd this is personal, **This is the heart of the Psalm!**

Jesus is the "Great I Am" "The Good Shepherd, Great Shepherd of The Sheep" The Chief Shepherd - John 10:11,14 1 Peter 5:4; Hebrews 13:20

4. I Shall Not Want:

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The word **want** – *"not lacking, not deficient, in proper care"*

Also, the idea of being utterly contented so as not to crave for a thing"

The Theme of Psalm 23 - The LORD is my shepherd

Psalm 23:1 (NLT) The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. David is speaking of the spiritual wealth of God.

Psalm 121:3-4; Psalm 34:10

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd,
Because the Lord is My Shepherd I can not want!

(Next Sunday) I Shall Not Want For Rest:
Verse 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
Matthew 11:28-30

I Shall Not Want For Restoration: Verse 3 He restores my soul;
the word **restores** – “to bring back” When we sin, we fall, we repent, have
a change in heart, God forgives and restores us. **Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9**

**I Shall Not Want For Guidance: Verse 3 He guides me in the paths
of righteousness For His name’s sake.**
God wants and will guide our lives. **John 14:4-6**

**I Shall Not Want For Safety: Verse 4 God’s Courage - Even though I
walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,**
“The valley of deepest darkness”

God’s Comfort - for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 32:6-7

From The Shepherd To The Lord My Host: Verses 5-6
**I Shall Not Want For Provision: Verse 5 You prepare a table before
me** God gives an abundance The word Provision – to provide, to see.

I Shall Not Want For Eternity:
Verse 6 I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
The term **house of the LORD** is another term for Heaven!

I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
How could David speak with such assurance? This shows David’s
relationship with God. David was in the Lord.

Note the 17 personal singular pronouns in Psalm 23

Our world is in want! God’s sheep are well-supplied. **Philippians 4:19**

Application:

1. The Confusion Is Over Our Needs Verses Our Wants. Our World Is In Great Need For The Shepherd But Instead, They Settle For Wants.
2. Do We Know The Shepherd Personally? If Not, Will We Trust Him, He Who Came And Died For Me? Who Was Buried and Rose From The Dead To Forgive Me?