

"SURE IN THE SHEPHERD (PART I)"

PSALM 23:1-3 BIBLE STUDY

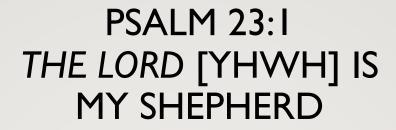
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The LORD [YHWH] is my shepherd; I do not lack. (Ps 23:1, AT)







•She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus [which means: YHWH saves], because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:21, NIV)





•11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." (Ex 3:11-12, NIV)





13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

- 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
- 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD [YHWH], the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,

the name you shall call me

from generation to generation. (Ex 3:13-15, NIV)





• 1 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD [YHWH] said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'" (2 Sam 5:1-2, NIV)





- 70 He **chose David** his servant and took him from the **sheep pens**;
- 71 from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance.
- 72 And **David shepherded** them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he **led** them.

(Ps 78:70-72, NIV)





Hear us, **Shepherd of Israel**, you who **lead** Joseph like a **flock**.

(Ps 80:1ab, NIV; cf. Num 27:17; 1 Ki 22:17)

Save your people and bless your inheritance;

be their shepherd and carry them forever.

(Ps 28:9, NIV; cf. Ps 74:1)





Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD [YHWH] our Maker;
for he is our God

and we are the people of his pasture,

the flock under his care.

(Ps 95:6-7abc, NIV; cf. Ps 79:13; Zec 9:16)





Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

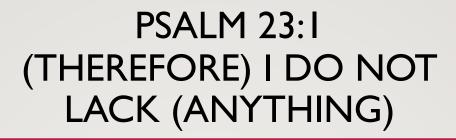
(Ps 77:19-20, NIV)





• 15 Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, 16 the Angel who has delivered me from all harm —may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth." (Gen 48:15-16, NIV; cf. Gen 49:22-24)







• The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD [YHWH]'s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." (Ex 16:3, NIV)



PSALM 23:1 (THEREFORE) I DO NOT LACK (ANYTHING)



• 4 Then the LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." (Ex 16:4-5, NIV)

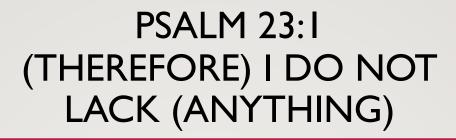


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•But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack [non $|h\bar{a}s\bar{e}r|$. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. (Ex 16:18, ESV)







• The LORD [YHWH] your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness. These forty years the LORD [YHWH] your God has been with you, and you have not lacked [חַסַר] | hāsēr] anything. (Dt 2:7, NIV)

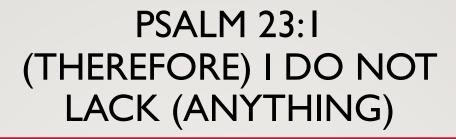


PSALM 23:1 (THEREFORE) I DO NOT LACK (ANYTHING)



• Observe the commands of the LORD [YHWH] your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the LORD [YHWH] your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack [חַסָּה | $h\bar{a}s\bar{e}r$] nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. (Dt 8:6-9, NIV)







•For forty years you **sustained** them in the **wilderness**; they **lacked** [מְסֵרְ | ḥāsēr] **nothing**, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen. (Neh 9:21, NIV)



PSALM 23:2 GRUB IS FRESH; LOVE TO REST



In pastures of new green grass, He lets me lie down; by waters of complete rest, He guides me

(Ps 23:2, AT)



PSALM 23:2 GRUB IS FRESH; LOVE TO REST



Tell me, you whom I love,

where you graze your flock

and where you rest [רְבַץ | $r\bar{a}ba$ ș] your sheep at midday.

(So 1:7abc, NIV)



PSALM 23:2 TAKE METO THE WATERS OF REST



He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart;

he **gently leads** (נְהַל | *nāhal*) those that have young.

(Is 40:11, NIV)



PSALM 23:2 TAKE ME TO THE WATERS OF REST



They will neither hunger nor thirst,
nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them.
He who has compassion on them will guide them
and lead [בַּהַל] | nāhal] them beside springs of water.
(Is 49:10, NIV)



PSALM 23:2 TAKE METO THE WATERS OF REST



In your **unfailing love** [Ton | hesed] you will lead the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will **guide** [נְהַל | *nāhal*] them to your holy **dwelling**. (Ex 15:13, NIV)



PSALM 23:2 TAKE ME TO THE WATERS OF REST



• So they set out from the mountain of the LORD [YHWH] and traveled for three days. The ark of the covenant of the LORD [YHWH] went before them during those three days to find them a place to rest [מְנוּקְה | měnûḥâ] (Num 10:33, NIV)



PSALM 23:2 TAKE ME TO THE WATERS OF REST



- 52 But he brought his people out like a **flock**; he **led** them like **sheep** through the **wilderness**.
- 53 He **guided** [נְהַל | *nāhal*] them safely, so they were unafraid; but the sea engulfed their enemies.
- 54 And so he brought them to the border of his holy land, to the hill country his right hand had taken.
- 55 He drove out nations before them and allotted their lands to them as an inheritance; he **settled** the tribes of Israel in their **homes**. (Ps 78:52-55, NIV)



PSALM 23:3 REFRESHED SOUL, RIGHTEOUS TRACKS



My soul He refreshes

He leads me in right(eous) tracks

for the sake of His Name

(Ps 23:3, AT)





Save me, O God,

for the waters have come up to my neck [נָפָשׁ | nepeš].

(Ps 69:1, NIV)





• Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath [נֵפָשׁ] | nepeš | of life in it... (Gen 1:29-30a, NIV)





• And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures [נפשׁ] nepeš according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. (Gen 1:24, NIV)





• Then the LORD [YHWH] God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being [עַּבָּטֵ | nepeš]. (Gen 2:7, NIV)





•He [the high priest] must not enter a place where there is a dead **body** [עֶּבֶּשׁ | *nepeš*]. He must not make himself unclean, even for his father or mother, (Lev 21:11, NIV)





Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I [lit. my nepeš] obey them.

(Ps 119:29, NIV)

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore **my soul [נְפָשׁ** | *nepeš*] keeps them.

(Ps 119:129, ESV)



PSALM 23:3 MY SOUL NEPEŠ



I spread out my hands to you;

I [lit. my nepeš] thirst for you like a parched land.

(Ps 143:6, NIV)

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul [נְפָשׁ | *nepeš*] thirsts for you like a parched land. (Ps 143:6, ESV)





I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,

I [my nepeš] know that full well. (Ps 139:14, NIV)

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

my soul [נְפָשׁ | nepeš] knows it very well. (Ps 139:14, ESV)





Bless the LORD [YHWH], O my soul [נפָשׁ | nepeš]:

And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

(Ps 103:1, KJV)



PSALM 23:3 MY SOUL'S DESIRE NEPEŠ



Everyone's toil is for their mouth,
yet their appetite [נְפָשׁ | nepeš] is never satisfied.
(Ec 6:7, NIV)



PSALM 23:3 MY SOUL'S DESIRE NEPEŠ



The appetite [נְפָשׁ | nepeš] of laborers works for them;

their hunger drives them on.

(Pr 16:26, NIV)







•Love the LORD [YHWH] your God with all your heart and with all your soul [נְפָשׁ] nepeš and with all your strength. (Dt 6:5, NIV)





"Even now," declares the LORD [YHWH], "return [שוּב $|\check{sub}|$ to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." (Joel 2:12, NIV)





Like a snow-cooled drink at harvest time

is a trustworthy messenger to the one who sends him;

he refreshes [אָב | $\check{s}\hat{u}b$] the spirit [נֶפָשׁ | $nepe\check{s}$] of his master.

(Pr 25:13, NIV)





The law of the LORD [YHWH] is perfect,

refreshing [שוּב | $\check{s}\hat{u}b$] the soul [נְפָשׁ | $nepe\check{s}$].

The statutes of the LORD [YHWH] are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

(Ps 19:7, NIV)





•"He will renew [שוּב] your life [נְפָשׁ] nepeš and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." (Ru 4:15, NIV)



PSALM 23:3 HE LEADS ME IN RIGHTEOUS TRACKS



The LORD [YHWH] will **guide** [נָחָה | nāḥâ] you always;

he will satisfy your **needs** [נָפָשׁ] $nepe\check{s}$ in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,

like a spring whose waters never fail. (Is 58:11, NIV)



PSALM 23:3 HE LEADS ME IN RIGHTEOUS TRACKS



•By day the LORD [YHWH] went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to **guide** [נְתָה $n\bar{a}h\hat{a}$] them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. (Ex 13:21, NIV; cf. Ex 13:17, 15:13, 32:34; Dt 32:12; Neh 9:12; Ps 77:20, 78:14)



PSALM 23:3 FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME



Since you are my rock and my fortress,

for the sake of your name lead [נְחָה | $n\bar{a}h\hat{a}$] and guide [נָהַל | $n\bar{a}hal$] me.

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,

for you are my refuge. (Ps 31:3-4, NIV)



PSALM 23:3 FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME



8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up; he led them through the depths as through a desert.

(Ps 106:8-9, NIV)