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PSALM 23:4-6 BIBLE STUDY

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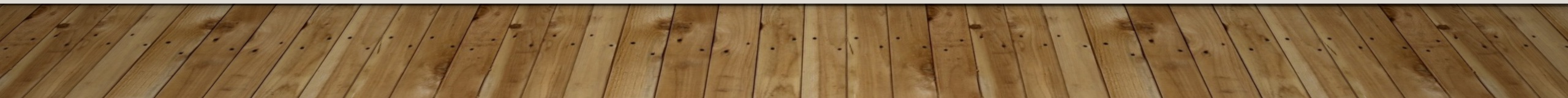




CONTEXT  
PSALM 23



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





CONTEXT  
PSALM 23



In pastures of new green grass, He lets me lie down;  
by waters of complete rest, He guides me  
(Ps 23:2, AT)





## CONTEXT PSALM 23



My soul He refreshes

He leads me in right(eous) tracks

for the sake of His Name







PSALM 23:4  
HOSTILE CIRCUMSTANCES



Even though I walk through the darkest valley  
I fear no evil because **You** are with me  
**Your** rod and **Your** staff comfort me





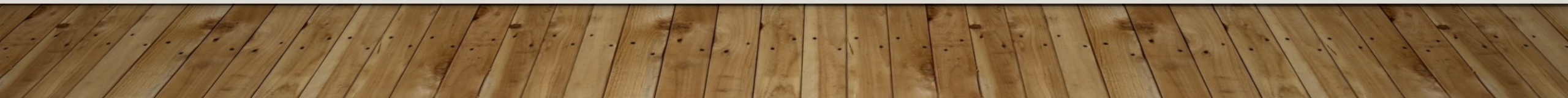
PSALM 23:4  
“SHADOW OF DEATH”



צֶלַע (*ṣēl*) = shadow

מָוֶת (*māwet*) = death

צֶלַע מָוֶת (*ṣalmāwet*) = “shadow of death”





PSALM 23:4  
“SHADOW OF DEATH”



Have the gates of **death** been shown to you?

Have you seen the gates of the **deepest darkness** [תַּחֲלוֹת | *šalmāwet*]?

(Job 38:17, NIV)





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“SHADOW OF DEATH”

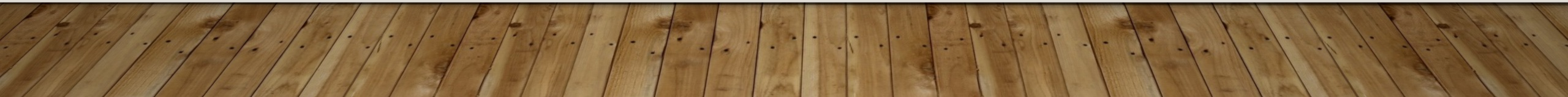


The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of **deep darkness** [צְלִמָּוֶת | *šalmāwet*]

a light has dawned (Is 9:2, NIV)



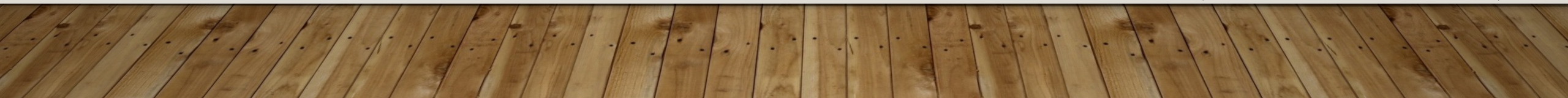




PSALM 23:4  
“SHADOW OF DEATH”



They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD [YHWH],  
who brought us up **out of Egypt**  
and led us through the barren wilderness,  
through a land of deserts and ravines,  
a land of drought and **utter darkness** [צִלְמָוֶת | *ṣalmāwet*],  
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’ (Jer 2:6, NIV)





PSALM 23:4  
GOD WITH US



- **I am with you and will watch over you** wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” (Gen 28:15, NIV)

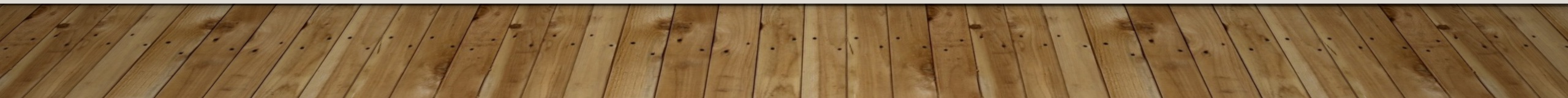




## PSALM 23:4 GOD WITH US



- 6 “Alas, Sovereign LORD [YHWH],” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”
- 7 But the LORD [YHWH] said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. 8 Do **not be afraid** of them, for **I am with you** and will **rescue** you,” declares the LORD [YHWH]. (Jer 1:6-8, NIV)



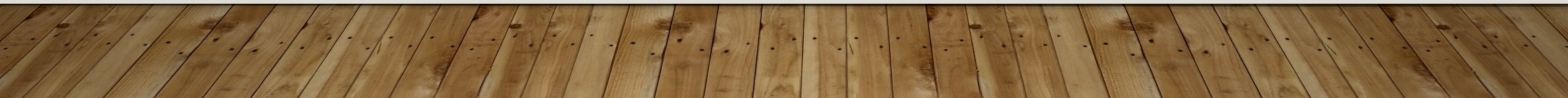




PSALM 23:4  
GOD WITH US



- 9 Then the LORD [YHWH] reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put **my words in your mouth**. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to **uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.**” (Jer 1:9-10, NIV)



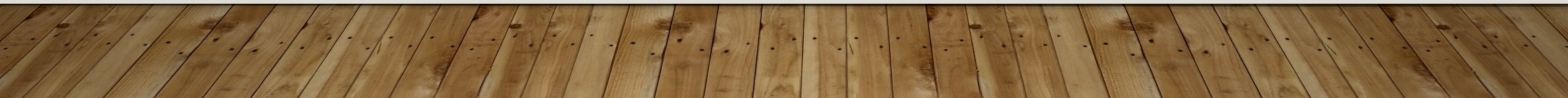




PSALM 23:4  
GOD WITH US



- 18 Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to **stand against the whole land**—against the **kings** of Judah, its **officials**, its **priests** and the **people** of the land. 19 They will **fight against you** but will not overcome you, for **I am with you** and will rescue you,” declares the **LORD [YHWH]**. (Jer 1:18-19, NIV)





PSALM 23:4  
GOD WITH US



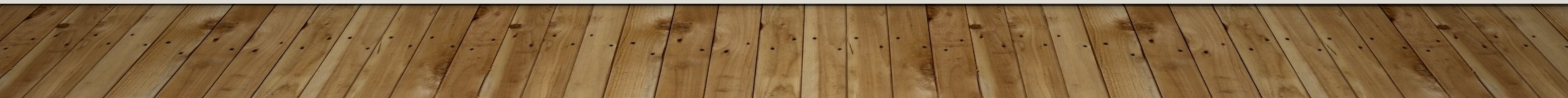
So do not fear, for **I am with you;**

do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

(Is 41:10, NIV)

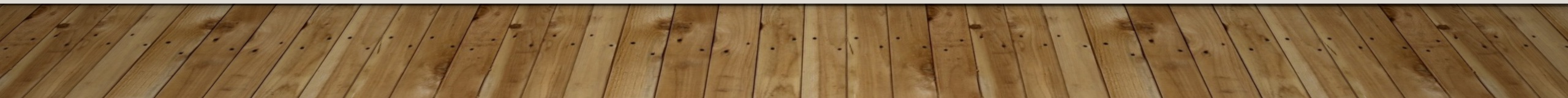




## PSALM 23:4 GOD WITH US



- 11 “All who rage against you  
will surely be ashamed and disgraced;  
those who oppose you  
will be as **nothing** and perish.
- 12 Though you search for your enemies,  
you will not find them.  
Those who wage war against you  
will be as **nothing** at all.
- 13 For I am the LORD [YHWH] your God  
who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you. (Is 41:11-13, NIV)







## PSALM 23:4 THE RIGHTEOUS SHEPHERD'S ROD AND STAFF



**Shepherd** your people with your **staff** [שֵׁבֶט | *šēbet*],

the **flock** of your inheritance,

which lives by itself in a forest,

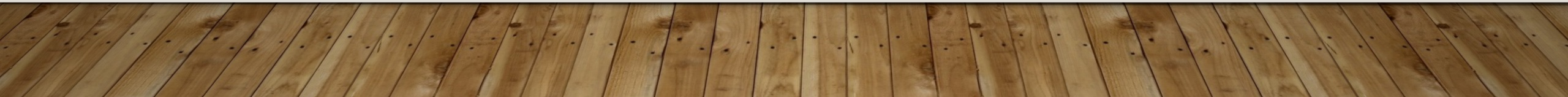
in fertile pasturelands.

Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead

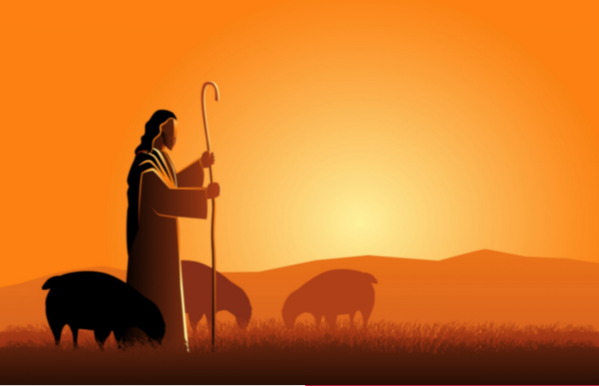
as in **days long ago**.

“As in the days when you **came out of Egypt**,

I will show them my wonders.” (Mic 7:14-15, NIV)







PSALM 23:4  
THE LORD IS  
MY HOST

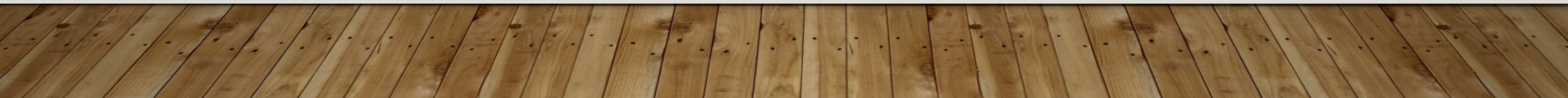


**You** prepare before me a table

in front of my enemies

**You** anoint with oil my head

my cup overflows (Ps 23:5, AT)





PSALM 23:5  
THE LORD IS  
MY HOST



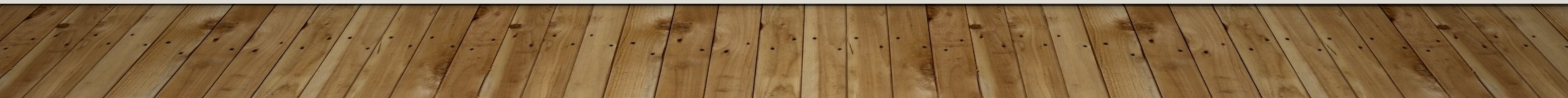
18 They willfully put God to the test


by demanding the food they craved.

19 They spoke against God; they said,


“Can God really **spread a table** in the **wilderness**?

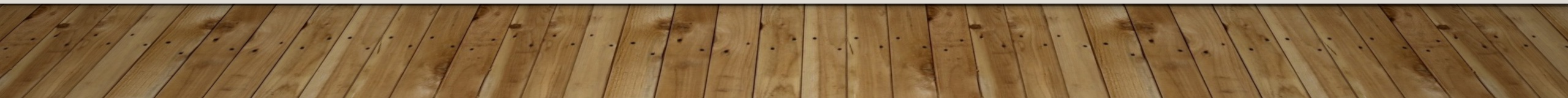
(Ps 78:19, NIV)






PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD




- 13 Along with their **fellowship offering of thanksgiving** they are to present an offering with thick loaves of bread made with yeast.  
14 They are to bring one of each kind as an offering, a **contribution to the LORD [YHWH]**; it **belongs to the priest** who splashes the blood of the fellowship offering against the altar.  
15 The **meat of their fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered**; they must leave none of it till morning. (Lev 7:13-15, NIV)
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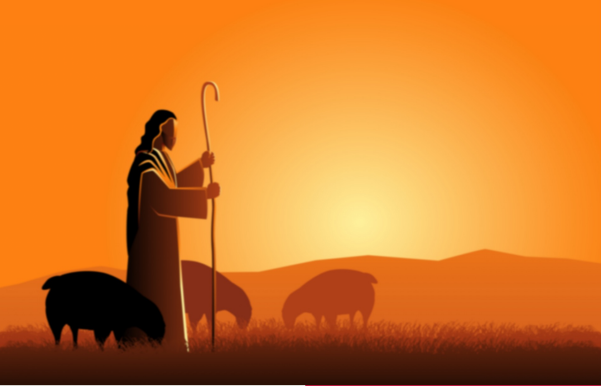


PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD




- 16 “ ‘If, however, their offering is the result of a vow or is a freewill offering, the sacrifice shall be eaten on the day they offer it, but anything left over may be eaten on the next day. 17 Any meat of the sacrifice left over till the **third day** must be burned up. (Lev 7:16-17, NIV)

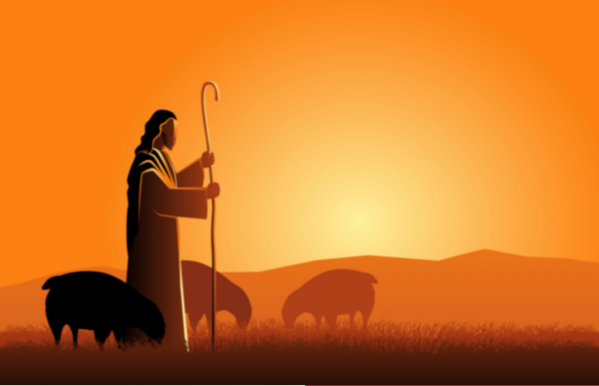




PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD



- 4 You must not worship the LORD [YHWH] your God in their way. 5 But you are to seek the place the LORD [YHWH] your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his **dwelling** [  $\text{דָּבַר}$  | *šākan*]. To **that** place you must go; 6 **there** bring your **burnt offerings** and **sacrifices**, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your **freewill offerings**, and the **firstborn of your herds and flocks**. 7 **There**, in the **presence of the LORD** [YHWH] your God, **you and your families shall eat** and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD [YHWH] your God has blessed you. (Dt 12:4-7, NIV)




## PSALM 23:5 FEASTING BEFORE THE LORD




- 8 You are not to do as we do here today, everyone doing as they see fit, 9 since you have not yet reached the **resting place** [ מְנוּחָה | *měnuḥâ*]) and the inheritance the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving you. 10 But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you **rest** [ נַח | *nûah*] from **all your enemies** around you so that you will **live in safety**. 11 Then to the place the LORD [YHWH] your God will choose as a **dwelling** [ שְׂכָנָה | *šākan*] for his Name—there you are to bring everything I command you: your **burnt offerings** and **sacrifices**, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD [YHWH]. (Dt 12:8-11, NIV)






PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD




- 12 And **there rejoice** before the LORD [YHWH] your God—you, your **sons and daughters**, your **male and female servants**, and the **Levites** from your towns who have no allotment or inheritance of their own. 13 Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please. 14 Offer them **only** at the place the LORD [YHWH] will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you. (Dt 12:12-14, NIV)



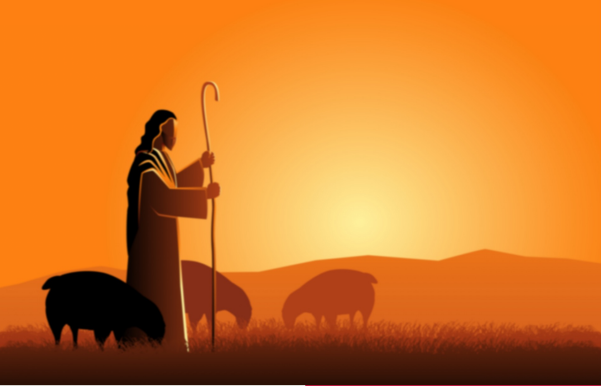


PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD




- 7 Then he took the Book of the **Covenant** and read it to the people. They responded, “**We will do** everything the LORD [YHWH] has said; we will obey.”
- 8 Moses then took the **blood, sprinkled it on the people** and said, “This is the **blood of the covenant** that the LORD [YHWH] has made with you in accordance with all these words.” (Ex 24:7-8, NIV)







PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD



- 9 Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up 10 and **saw the God of Israel. Under his feet** was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli [sapphire], as bright blue as the sky. 11 But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they **saw God, and they ate and drank.** (Ex 24:9-12, NIV)



PSALM 23:5  
FEASTING BEFORE  
THE LORD

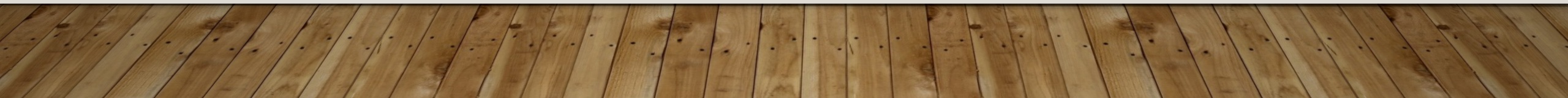


- 23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, **took bread**,  
24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my **body**, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”  
25 In the same way, **after supper** he took the **cup**, saying, “This **cup** is the **new covenant in my blood**; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor 11:23-25, NIV)



PSALM 23:5  
ANOINTED WITH  
OIL



- You did not **put oil on my head**,  
but she has poured perfume on my  
feet. (Lk 7:46, NIV)
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PSALM 23:6  
PURSUIT OF  
FAITHFULNESS

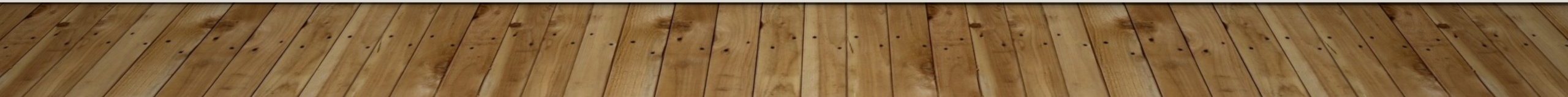



Surely, goodness and loyal love will pursue me

all the days of my life


and I will return to [or dwell in] the house of the LORD [YHWH]

for the length of my days (Ps 23:6, AT)



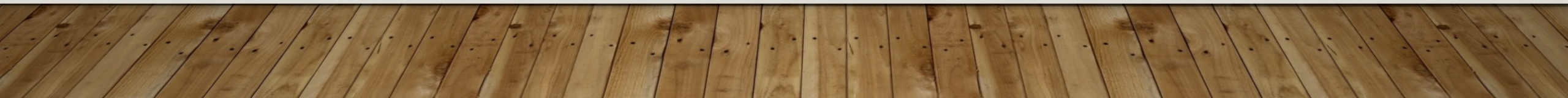


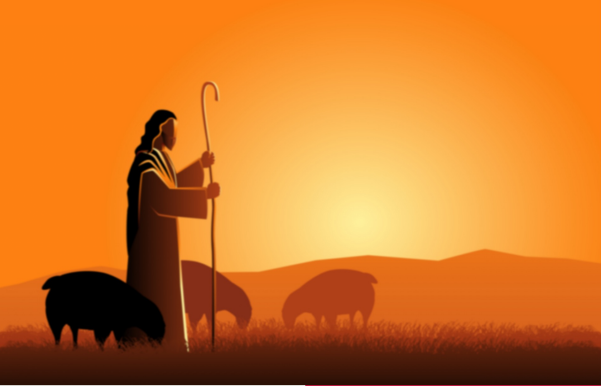
PSALM 23:6  
PURSUIT OF  
THE FAITHLESS



My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my **enemies**,  
from **those who pursue** [רָדַף | *rādap*] me.

(Ps 31:15, NIV)





## PSALM 23:6 PURSUIT OF THE FAITHLESS



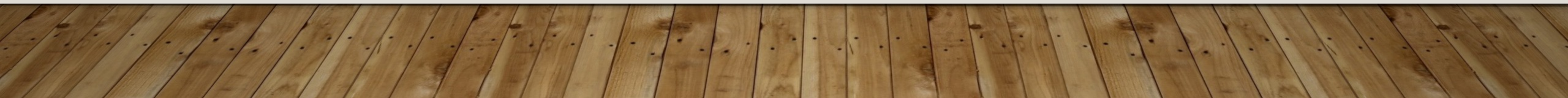
1 Contend, LORD [YHWH], with those who contend with me;  
fight against those who fight against me.

2 Take up shield and armor;  
arise and come to my aid.

3 Brandish spear and javelin  
against those who **pursue** [רָדַפּ | *rādap*] me.

Say to me,

“I am your salvation.” (Ps 35:1-3, NIV)







PSALM 23:6  
PURSUIT OF  
THE FAITHLESS

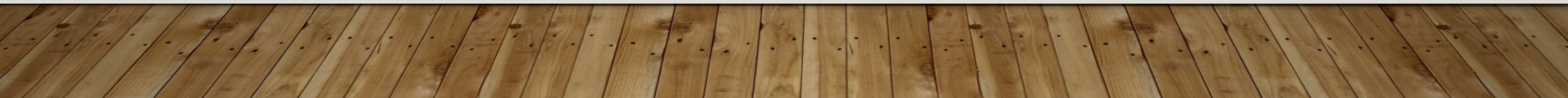


LORD [YHWH] my God, I take refuge in you;

save and deliver me from all who **pursue** [רָדַד | *rādap*] me,

or they will tear me apart like a lion

and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me. (Ps 7:1, NIV)





PSALM 23:6  
THE HOUSE  
OF THE LORD

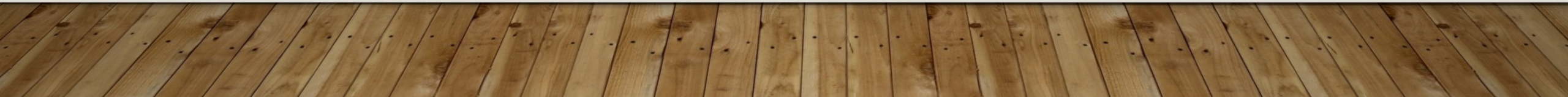



I was glad when they said unto me,

Let us go into the house of the LORD [YHWH]. (Ps 122:1, KJV)


Our feet are standing

in your gates, Jerusalem. (Ps 122:2, NIV)

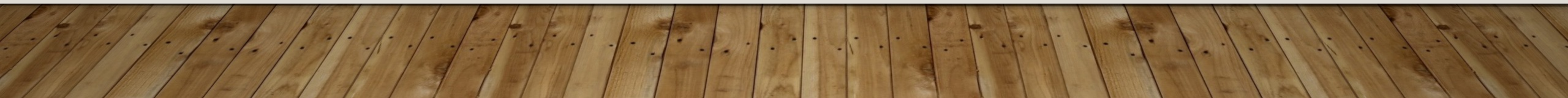




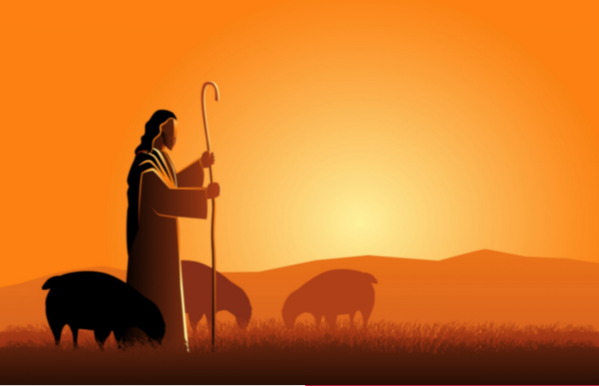
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THE HOUSE  
OF THE LORD



One thing I ask from the LORD [YHWH],  
this only do I seek:  
that I may  **dwell** [  **יָשַׁב** | *yāšab*] in the  **house of the LORD [YHWH]**  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD [YHWH]  
and to  **seek him in his temple.** (Ps 27:4, NIV)







PSALM 23:6  
THE HOUSE  
OF THE LORD



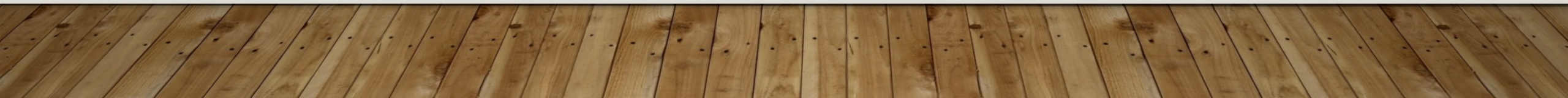
3 Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the **sheep** of his pasture.

4 Enter his **gates** with thanksgiving

and his **courts** with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name. (Ps 100:3-4, NIV)






PSALM 23:6  
FOR THE REST  
OF MY DAYS




Your statutes, LORD [YHWH], stand firm;  
holiness adorns your house  
for **endless days** [לְאֶרְךָ יָמִים]. (Ps 93:5, NIV)





PSALM 23  
THE SECOND  
EXODUS



- Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his **departure** [ἐξοδος | *exhodos*], which he was about to bring to fulfillment at **Jerusalem**. (Lk 9:30-31, NIV)





PSALM 23  
THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD



- I am the Shepherd – the Good One. The Shepherd – the Good One – lays down His life for the sheep. (Jn 10:11, AT)



PSALM 23  
THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD



- 24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” 25 For “you were like **sheep** going astray,” but now you have returned to the **Shepherd** and Overseer of your souls. (1 Pet 2:24-25, NIV)



PSALM 23  
THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD



- And when the **Chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. (1 Pet 5:4, NIV)





PSALM 23  
THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD



- For the **Lamb** at the center of the throne will be their **shepherd**; ‘he will lead them to **springs of living water**.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’” (Rev 7:17, NIV)



PSALM 23  
THE TEMPLE  
OF GOD

- Don't you know that **you yourselves** are **God's temple** and that **God's Spirit dwells in your midst**? (1 Cor 3:16, NIV)



PSALM 23  
THE TEMPLE  
OF GOD



- 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 19 Do you not know that **your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you**, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Cor 6:18-20, NIV)







PSALM 23  
GOD WITH  
US!



- 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And **surely** I am **with** you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mt 28:19-20, NIV; cf. Mt 1:23, 18:20)



PSALM 23  
THE GREAT  
SHEPHERD



- 20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that **great Shepherd of the sheep**, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Heb 13:20-21, NIV)