

Psalm

YOU'RE A GOOD, GOOD FATHER!

Feel like you're on hold?

Because the Lord cares, what does He do for His children?

1. Because the Lord cares He will meet my _____.

Psalm 23:1-3

a. God will meet my _____.

Psalm 23:2a

b. God will meet my _____.

Psalm 23:2b

c. God will meet my _____.

Psalm 23:3

2. Because the Lord cares He will protect my _____.

Psalm 23:4-5

a. God will protect me from _____.

Psalm 23:4a

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b. God will protect me from _____.

Psalm 23:4b

c. God will protect me from _____.

Psalm 23:5

Take Home Truth

Because God cares He provides His _____

_____. Psalm 23:6

Today's Core Belief:

Personal God: "I believe that the infinite and personal God is involved in and cares about my daily life." (from Psalm 121:1-2)

Today's Action:

Has God felt distant lately? Look for promises from His word that assure you that He is always present and then memorize a couple of them.



Deeper Connection Study

The 23rd Psalm is perhaps the best-known psalm of all. It highlights a serene confidence in God's goodness and guidance. The dual metaphor of God as our Shepherd and Host shows us that He provides and protects those in His care.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Personal God.

Read Psalm 23

1. "The Lord is my Shepherd." Describe all the things David extolled about what God does (e.g., *he makes me lie down, etc.*).
2. We are his sheep. As you review what the Shepherd does, make "I" statements in response to his activity (e.g., *I am not in want, I rest in green pastures, etc.*)
3. What words are vividly used to describe a place, a person, provision, and protection in this psalm?
4. What does this psalm say about contentment? How has God - the Shepherd and Host - been so gracious to you?
5. Life is also filled with difficulties. What dark valleys have you encountered in your life? Why do you think David also mentioned enemies while describing his praise for God's blessing?
6. Why does this psalm provide so much comfort and encouragement to people? How does it encourage you? In light of the promise of God's care, how should we then live (v. 6; Josh. 1:5; 1 Jn. 4:19)?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God that Jesus is the Good Shepherd! Pray for a deeper relationship with Christ. Ask God to help you trust him in all circumstances.



In chapter 23 of First Samuel the author shared that David was on the run from King Saul again. On this occasion he and his men were held up in Horesh in the desert of Ziph and it was a depressing time for David. In the recent past Saul had killed the priests of Nob because they had harbored David. Additionally after David and his men had rescued the town of Keilah he discovered that the citizens of the town were going to turn him over to Saul. It was both literally and figuratively a desert place of David. However, the author informed the readers that once again God came through for David. He met his physical, emotional and spiritual needs by first sending his dear friend Jonathan to encourage him. This was followed by a divine deterrent given to Saul, which resulted in him giving up the hunt. From this and other events David was assured that the Lord was indeed the good shepherd! Have you made that discovery? Can you say confidently that God cares about each aspect of your being? Psalm 23 is a hymn of assurance that reminds us the Lord will never leave us or forsake us!