

I. Introduction.

- A. The word “psalm” is derived from the Greek word “psalmos” meaning “a song sung to the accompaniment of a musical instrument.”**
- B. As we read, meditate, and act on the 23rd Psalm, we will experience the power that faith and hope can bring.**

II. How the Lord Shepherds Us.

- A. He provides (v.1,2).**
 - 1. Because the Lord is my shepherd I lack nothing.**
 - 2. No one or nothing satisfies like Jesus.**
 - 3. He knows us better than we know ourselves and provides for us accordingly.**
- B. He restores (v.3).**
 - 1. The Lord renews and nourishes our spirit.**
 - 2. He gives life to our dead spirit when we accept him.**
 - 3. He nourishes our spirit as we learn more about him, spend time together, pray, minister (serve), worship, and share the gospel (Acts 2:42-47).**
- C. He guides (v.4).**
 - 1. Jesus knows all the right roads; the paths of righteousness are mapped out in the Word.**
 - 2. When we travel the road of the Word we receive personal benefits and we honor and glorify God.**
- D. He comforts (v.4).**
 - 1. It’s comforting to know that no matter where I go or what I experience Jesus is by my side; because Jesus is always with me I have nothing to fear.**
 - 2. When you know how much Jesus loves you and you love Jesus he will remove your fears (1 John 4:18).**
- E. He protects (v.4).**
 - 1. He gives us a “suit of armor” (Eph. 6:10-18).**
 - 2. To defeat our enemies we must put on God’s armor.**
- F. He disciplines (v.4).**
 - 1. He “pokes us with his staff” when we wander off.**
 - 2. He disciplines us in love for our good (Heb. 12:5-11).**
- G. He cares (v.5,6).**
 - 1. Our cup overflows with God’s goodness.**
 - 2. He takes care of us here and now and promises to take care of us throughout eternity.**