

Title: The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23)
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My Shepherd

Psalm 23 (NKJV) A Psalm of David. ¹ *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.... surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.*

John 10:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

"My Shepherd" - *Not the Shepherd, He is my shepherd.*

****Religion keeps things at a distance, impersonal, and unemotional. A Relationship with God is supposed to be personal, intimate and sometimes quite emotional.**

Quote from Jack Deere: Heart of pharisaism - Religious activity that we never allow to get to our heart. If it gets to our heart, then it is affection for the religious activity and not for God. Isaiah 29 "I'm on their lips but far from their hearts"

Trickle becomes a flood

For a Son the heavenlies are always open. For a son there is always more.

***Feeding of the five thousand**

This God-given trickle will become a glorious flood.

I will visit you

Jeremiah 29:10–11 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *For thus says the LORD: **I will visit you and perform My good word toward you**, and cause you to return to this place. ¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

"I will visit you" and perform My good word toward you: The visitation of God! When God moves upon us then He performs the good word He has spoken over us. ***His Word is Good, for He is good God!**

God isn't just good, He is in a good mood. He is thinking good thoughts toward you...

Know My voice

² *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

- **Good path.** Peace.

John 10:4 (NKJV) ⁴ *And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

His presence guarantees His goodness

⁴ *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

****Doubt God's goodness.**

For You are with me :4 - becoming aware of His presence.

Psalm 27:13 (NKJV) ¹³ *I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.*

All the days of my life

⁶ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*

***Every day is a birthday with God!** *Every day He prepares good things for us.