

Read: Psalm 23:1-6

DAY 1
Monday, July 13, 2020

The Lord Is My Shepherd

*“The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.”* Psalm 23:1

This passage of Scripture is simple, profound and universally known. While serving as a shepherd, David learned the role, responsibility, and requirement of shepherds well. Consequently, in this poetic writing he is able to describe the attributes of God in this light.

David opens by proclaiming the *Abiding Presence of God*, by saying: “The Lord Is” (vs. 1-3). The good shepherd is always there to meet whatever needs that we might have. Indeed, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:8) He is always available to guide, guard and govern our pathway of life.

Next, David exalts the *Absolute Protection of God*: “for thy art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” (vs. 4). We have the comfort and consolation that the Shepherd is with us no matter how challenging the test or deep the valley. The God of our praise is the same God of our sorrows.

Finally, David declares the *Abundant Provisions of God*: “my cup runneth over” (vs. 5-6). From the valley to the palace, our shepherd goes before us to lead us to something better. We are additionally blessed to have the goodness and mercy of God to accompany us as we dwell in his fellowship forever.

Have you been sensing the “*Abiding Presence of God*” in your life? Have you been depending on the “*Absolute Protection of God*” for your life?
Where do you need the “*Abundant Provisions of God*” for your Life?

Allow *God* to be your shepherd! -VEK

Seeking the Hand of God

Pray Today ... that God will send His Spirit upon the Board of Bishops, Parent Body National Executive Board and National Boards, Auxiliaries and Ministries during the upcoming 2020-2021 Convention Year!