

The Lord Is

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Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 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.

My mind went back and old Rev. James Cleveland. Song. “God Is”.

The chorus of the song is:
God is the joy and
the strength of my life,
He moves all pain, misery, and strife.
He promised to keep me, never to leave me.
He's never ever come short of His word.
I've got to fast and pray, stay in His narrow way,
I've got to keep my life clean everyday;
I want to go with Him when He comes back,
I've come too far and I'll never turn back.
God is , God is my all in all!

Many of David’s psalms are full of complaints, but this is full of comforts, and the expressions of delight in God’s great goodness and dependence upon him. The psalmist here claims relation to God, as his shepherd. He recounts his experience of the kind things God had done for him as his shepherd. Hence he infers that he should want no goods (v. 1), that he needed to fear no evil (v. 4), that God would never leave nor forsake him in a way of mercy; and therefore he resolves never to leave nor forsake God in a way of duty (v. 6). And, as in the foregoing psalm he represented Christ dying for his sheep, so here he represents Christians receiving the benefit of all the care and tenderness of that great and good shepherd. A psalm of David. –(Matthew Henry's Complete Commentary on the Bible)

Does our idea of God matches who God really is?

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- Feeds.
- Guide.
- Shield me.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

- He makes.
- He leads.



He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- He refreshes/ restores.
- He leads me to righteousness because of His name. Its not about you!

Isaiah 48:9-11 KJV

9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. 11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how **should my name be polluted?** and I will not give my glory unto another.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

- He prepare. Romans 8:29-30
 - 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- Presence of my enemies.
- He anoint
- Cup runs over.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

- Yes, walk through; It's just a shadow!
 - A dark area or shape produced by a body coming between **rays of light** and a surface.
- I will fear no evil
 - The only reason why you see a shadow is because light is around. God is with me! (He is the Light)
- Rod to protect.
- Staff to guide.
- Comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- Goodness and mercy follows.
- All the days of my life.
- Shall dwelling His presence.

