

THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD

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Introduction

Metaphors & their use:

The two primary metaphors of Psalm 23:

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PSALM 23

A Psalm of David

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even 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.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Important Observations in Psalm 23

1. The focus of the psalm is the _____ / _____ aspect of knowing the Lord.

2. The psalm pictures life with God as a _____.

3. The psalm recognizes that the journey involves seasons of _____.

4. The psalm recognizes the significance of both _____ and _____ truth about God.

Bringing the Metaphors Together

- In the OT, the only individual whose role is described as ‘shepherding’ and who had a table where he made provision for certain people was the _____.

Jesus, our great Shepherd-King

1.

John 10:11— I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Heb. 13:20—Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

1 Pet. 5:4—And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

2.

Luke 22:14-20—14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

3.

Heb. 4:15-16—15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.