

HOW TO LIVE YOUR LIFE WITH CONFIDENCE

Psalm 23 is probably one of the best known in the Bible - but has its familiarity kept you from seeing how it can be relevant to your own life? *Perhaps this simple exercise will give you fresh insight into God's word...*

Psalm 23

1The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

3He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Follow the instructions and discover truth for yourself.

1. *Who* are the main people mentioned?
2. Read through the passage and mark **Lord** with a triangle (including all pronouns which refer to "Lord", e.g. He, His, You, Your, etc).
3. Look at what you have marked. *What* do you learn about the Lord? List what you discover here, using the words as they appear in the text.
4. Look again at the places where you have marked "Lord". Underline the 6 settings *where* the Lord is our shepherd.
5. *Who* else is this Psalm about? Mark all references to the writer of the Psalm with a circle
6. Put a box around the verbs or action words to do with the Lord. *What* does he do for us?
7. *What* conclusion does the writer come to in verse 6?

Reflect:

How does this Psalm relate to you?
Is the Lord your Shepherd?
Are you one of His sheep?