

# The Lord is My Shepherd

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*"The Lord is my shepherd. I have what I need."* Psalm 23:1 (CSB)

**The Shepherd provides for the sheep.**

**Needs:**

**Physical Needs**

**Emotional Needs**

**Spiritual Needs**

*"<sup>9</sup>Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good things to those who ask Him."* Matthew 7:9-11 (CSB)

**If the Shepherd provides, the sheep rest in the promise of provision.**

*"<sup>2</sup>He lets me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters. <sup>3</sup>He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake."* Psalm 23:2-3 (CSB)

**The Shepherd guides the sheep.**

*"Then Jesus was **led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."* Matthew 4:1 (CSB)

**If the Shepherd guides, the sheep trust in his careful guidance.**

*"<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, since he is not the shepherd and doesn't own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf. The wolf then snatches and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>This happens because he is a hired hand and doesn't care about the sheep."* John 10:11-13 (CSB)

**It's time for you to fire your hired hands.**

**The Good Shepherd loves the sheep.**

**If the Good Shepherd loves the sheep, the sheep exchange fickle pleasures for an adventure with Him.**

*"<sup>4</sup>Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live."* Psalm 23:4-6 (CSB)

**You will be shepherded by something.**

**If you're going to be shepherded by something, be shepherded by the shepherd that gave His life for yours.**