



**PRAYING THE PSALMS – PSALM 23 (VS. 1-2)**

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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**Verse 1**

**The Lord is my Shepherd  
I shall not want**

**Verse 2**

**He makes me to lie down in green pastures**

**Verse 3**

**He leads me beside still water  
He restores my soul  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For his name's sake**

**Verse 4**

**Yea, 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**

**Verse 5**

**You prepare a table before me  
In the presence of my enemies  
You anoint my head with oil  
My cup runs over**

**Verse 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**



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**SCRIPTURE FOCUS:** *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures (Psalm 23:1-2).*

**Key Word:** The Lord My Shepherd (Hebrew) Jehovah Roi: A shepherd both cares for the needs of the sheep, but also has authority over a flock as a superior.

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

In order to fully appreciate the essence of the powerful rendering of the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm you would have to know the story of David's life. In 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel, chapter 16, God sent the prophet Samuel to the house of Jesse in the city of Bethlehem. There he was to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king over Israel. David was the eighth son of Jesse and unlike his seven illustrious older brothers; he was made to work in the fields taking care of his father's sheep. Samuel found him and the young boy was anointed as the future king of Israel.

After facing countless challenges, that included killing the giant Goliath and escaping from King Saul, David later wrote the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm: *The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.* It appears that the Lord became David's ultimate provider, protector and father figure. God was the Divine Shepherd who supplied all of his needs.

In John 10:11 Jesus said– *"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."* David also put his life on the line for the sheep: *But David said to Saul, "I used to keep my father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went after it and struck it and delivered the lamb from its mouth (1 Samuel 17:34).* Just as David protected the sheep and took care of their every need, he also came to understand the *Jehovah Roi* was the Shepherd that was taking care of his needs and protecting his life.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

What similarities do you see between Psalm 23 (1-2) and John 10:11?

