

Scriptures

• Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

² He 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.

⁴ Even 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.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

• <u>John 11:40</u>

Then Jesus said..."If you believe, you will see the glory of God..."

Other Scriptures

- Ezekiel 34:20-23
- Rev. 22:16
- Matthew 11:11
- Luke 7:28
- Romans 8:32
- John 10:10
- I Kings 17:7-16
- Luke 6:38
- 2 Cor. 9:6
- Matt. 28:20
- John 2:1-11
- Psalm 27:13

- * John 14:2-3
- * Luke 23:43
- * I Cor. 2:9
- * Phil. 4:4

Main Points

- Psalm 23 is a series of true and real reflections of David's walk with God.
- In the Hebrew Bible, "David" is often used as a messianic code word for the Messiah.



- When we look at David's walk with God, we understand how close our walk with God can be.
 - o In fact, ours can be an even closer walk because of the indwelling Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - o This can be a living reality, not just fanciful poetry!
- Look for the living, breathing opportunities in Scripture to talk to God about His Word.
- Whenever you are reaching out to God in your words, mind, or heart, you are in a posture of prayer.
- An overflowing cup speaks of abundance—more than you need.
- If we're going to walk with God supernaturally, we're going to have to develop an abundant mentality of who God is.
- God gave His Son; will he not freely give you all things?
- God has an abundant life for you!
- We need to stop relating to God with a scarcity mentality.
 - o Remember Elijah and the widow.
 - o Use up what you have as He commands and rely on God to supply more.
- God is a God of abundance! We can live an "abundant" life.
- We need to believe that our cup can run over.
 - o Focus on His sufficiency, not our scarcity.
 - o Give abundantly and receive in the same way.
- Dread and fear of the future in your imagination isn't real, because Jesus can't be with you in that place. In real life, Jesus will be with you in whatever you have to experience.
- Goodness and loving-kindness are going to follow you all the days of your life!
- Jesus has a future of joy and celebration for you. It is time to stand on the cup overflowing attitude and live in joy and anticipation of what is to come.

Discussion Ouestions

- 1. The spiritual life of David through the Psalms is a good picture for us to look at to see the kind of walk with God that we can experience to even a greater degree. Begin a walk through the Psalms, praying some of the things he prayed. What are some thoughts and prayers that resonate with you in your walk?
- 2. If Jesus spared not even His own Son, but gave His life for you, will he not freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32) Does this verse remove fear of scarcity? How can you reign in your imagination, which functions without Jesus in it, and brings fear? Begin to apply Scripture to your imaginative thoughts. How does this change the pattern of fear at work in your life?
- 3. How many minutes can you stay in an "abundant" mindset? How many hours, days, etc., Resist the urge to return to negativity and fear each time it rears its head. Stand on the promises of Yeshua through the power of the Word and ask for the strength of His Spirit to do so. An abundant life is yours for the asking, and taking. Keep a record of scripture verses that are especially helpful for the struggles you face.