

## Psalm 23:1-6 **Yahweh My Shepherd**

The Lord the Shepherd of His People  
A Psalm of David.

1 Yahweh (The Lord) is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

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

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.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) Forever.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ David, being a shepherd himself understands the care a shepherd devotes to his sheep.
  - ✧ He compares the care of Yahweh for His people to the best care a shepherd can render.
  - ✧ Beyond all that David applies the concept to the spiritual and the eternal soul.
  - ✧ For the reputation of His own Name, Yahweh restores the soul and guides His people in the paths of Righteousness, (the fruit of **righteousness** is **peace** as seen in the Kingdom Age).
  - ✧ Trusting in Yahweh, David has nothing to fear even when he finds himself in the valley of the shadow of death.
  - ✧ The comforting rod and staff of Yahweh represent the written Word of Yahweh and the guidance and enabling of the Holy Spirit producing faith and trust that will see us through to the end.
  - ✧ The table prepared in the presence of his enemies, represents the separation of the righteous and the wicked at the return of Messiah, when the wicked witness the reward granted the Saints as they enter the Kingdom, before they find themselves cast into eternal fire. [\[Matthew 25:31-46\]](#)
  - ✧ The anointment represents the gift of the Holy Spirit upon David. That is expressed in David's prayer when he said, " Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. [\[Psalm 51:11 KJV\]](#)
  - ✧ Confident in Yahweh, David declared, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) Forever."