

# The Lord is My Shepherd: The Discipline of Contentment

Psalm 23

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## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even 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.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

## Table Discussion Questions:

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1. This is a Psalm about God's providence. What do we mean by providence? What does the Shorter Catechism say are "the works of God's providence"? Can you think of two well-known and powerfully comforting Bible verses about God's providence (one in the Old and one in the New Testament)?
2. Why is God's providence so important in the Christian life? Elaborate and share.
3. What are the areas in your life where trusting in God and His providence are a challenge?
4. In the Old Testament, who (or what position) is most commonly called a "shepherd"? What is surprising about the use of that imagery in this Psalm?
5. What is your favorite hymn or song version of Psalm 23? Have you memorized it or can you remember parts of it? What are the most meaningful lines to you? Share and explain.
6. What happens to the personal pronouns in this Psalm as you move from verses 1-3 to verses 4-5? What do you think the significance of that might be?