No Lack

Message Notes

Psalms 23:1-6 (ESV) 1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Yahweh is my shepherd:

- Who is leading you?
- Yourself?
- Your friends?
- Your culture?
- I AM BEING LED THROUGH LIFE BY YAHWEH!

I shall not want:

- "There will be no lack"
  - Psalm 34:10 (NLT) — 10 Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing.
  - Psalm 84:11 (NLT) — 11 For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.
- Preach to yourself - I shall not want!

Three Scenes:

1. The field - I'm CARED for
    1. He makes me lie down in green pastures - My physical needs are met
        1. "Makes" is a forceful, not passive word.
        2. God will bring you into a place of abundance, you will not need to trust yourself.
    2. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. - My spiritual needs are met
        1. Your soul needs restoration. Life is hard. The good Shepherd will lead you to a place of restoration for you soul.
    3. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. - My directional needs are met.
        1. He WILL lead you. Don't worry about that.
        2. His paths will be perfect.

3. “For His name’s sake” - means that He will get the glory in your path.

2. The valley - I’m COVERED
    1. The focus of this point is hardship.
    2. I will fear no evil, for you are with me.
        1. I will not fear!
        2. No evil - Absolutly nothing!
    3. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
        1. Rod was used for protection
        2. Staff was used for guidance and correction
3. The banquet - I’m CROWNED
    1. The focus of this point is promotion, elevation, vindication.
    2. A table in the presence of my enemies
        1. A table is a place of friendship, joy, conversation.
        2. A table is a supposed to be a relaxed environment
        3. There can be no greater statement of dominance than to enjoy a meal in the presence of enemies. It means that you are absolutely unafraid.
        4. There is not greater vindication than your enemies having to watch you enjoy a banquet with God.
    3. An anointed head
        1. David’s brothers watched him get anointed.
    4. An overflowing cup

Concluding thought:

- Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
- Goodness - Good things, abundance
- Mercy - HESED - covenetnal unfailing love will follow me.
    - A mother’s love will follow me.
    - God’s not about to give up on you anytime soon.

He restores my soul - He turns us back to a place.



