



Psalm 23

I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. John 10:11



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16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16



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Psalm 23:3b-4



Renewing • Transforming •
Empowering

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
¹⁰so as ¹to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, ²fully pleasing to him, ³bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.
¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

Colossians 1:9-11



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Application Principles

- *Gethsemane Principle*
- *Progression Principle*
- *Decisive Principle*
- *24/7/365 Principle*

Psalm 23:1-6



Phase 3 of 5

- ¹ Enduring / Persevering our Calling
- ² Completing our Race
- ³ Maintaining our Relationship to the Shepherd

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Five Recycling Phases

24/7/365 Principle

1. *Encounter God and Embrace Our Challenges* (v. 1)
2. *Enter God's Rest • Renewal • Restoration* (vv. 2-3a)
3. *Endure Our Calling, Complete Our Race, Maintain Our Relationship* (vv. 3b-4)
4. *Establish Our Hope* (vv. 5-6a)
5. *Enjoy God Constantly* (v. 6b)

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Enduring • Completing Maintaining

In Green Pastures and in Valleys of Deep Darkness

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

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- *When the Scripture employs the phrase “name of God,” God in His fullness is meant.*
- *In the Scriptures the name and person of God are inseparably related.*



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*For “everyone
who calls on the
name of the
Lord will be
saved.”*

Romans 10:13

Joel 2:32



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*For the Scripture
says to Pharaoh,
“For this very
purpose I have
raised you up, that
I might show my
power in you, and
that my name
might be
proclaimed in all
the earth.”*

Romans 9:17



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27 Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.

John 12:27-28



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- *Am I worthy enough for God to lead me in right paths?*
- *Why does God lead me in paths of righteous and why is He with me in my most desperate times?*



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- *Psalm 31:3 ... and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;*
- *Psalm 25:11 For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.*
- *Psalm 79:9 ... for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!*



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- *Ezekiel 20:14* But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned ...
- *Psalms 115:1* Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, ...
- *Psalms 72:19* Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!



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- *Isaiah 42:8* I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.
- *Isaiah 43:7* everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.
- *Isaiah 48:11* For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.



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sake*

- *Shift from my sake to His sake*
- *Shift from uncertainty to certainty*
- *Shift from pride to praise*
- *Shift from self-centered to God-centered*



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- *Immediate*
- *Impossible*
- *Inspired*

Roadblock



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27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28