



When someone holds the door for you the natural response is to say “thank you.” When a person says something kind about you the common reply should be “thank you.” If humanity, as part of God’s creation, can thank one another for a kind act or a generous word it should be expected that we should regularly be expressing our thanks to our Creator. Is it not true that God is so great and that He has shown Himself to be so good to us that our natural response should be, “thank you.” This two week series on Psalm 23 is designed to provide you with qualities of God’s goodness and give you a reknewed mindset of thankfulness.

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Teaching Guide

Psalm 23:4-6

23:4 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.

The Infinite God reveals Himself as our personal Shepherd through:

A. _____ -v.4-5

B. _____ - v.4c

C _____ in this _____ and in the _____ to come - v.6

Target Practice: Use this resource to dig deeper in your personal or family devotions during the week.



- Again, take a moment and reflect on the infinite qualities of God. What words come to mind?
- Take a moment and reflect on the personal qualities of God as shepherd. What words come to mind?
- Why might God determine to not limit our exposure to evil, but promise to be there with us through our exposure to evil?
- In what two ways does God provide for your direction just like a great shepherd would for his sheep?
- While the Lord is our temporal shepherd in this life He is also our infinite God. Therefore, God’s ability to care for us travels into the vastness of eternity. How thankful are you for that!