



Scriptures

- **Psalm 23**
'¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. ³He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.'
- **Ephesians 1:6-7**
'⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace'
- **1 Corinthians 15:55**
'⁵⁵O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?''

Main Points

- This Psalm is a revelation of the type of relationship we should have with God.
 - The term “Key of David” (Rev 3:7) alludes to David’s relationship with God, being a model for us to have intimacy with God!
 - David was declaring in this Psalm what his relationship with God was like.
- God leads us down the “righteous “path, which means that he helps us to make the correct decisions in our lives when we bring our choices before Him and ask His counsel.
 - “He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.” This phrase is spoken 7 times throughout Revelation chapters 2 and 3.
 - The anointing that we’re aware of is the anointing that we’re going to receive from.
 - Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit is attained by beginning the day by spending time with God.
 - Quiet and calm is essential since He speaks through a still, small voice.



Discussion Questions

1. Why is it so important to be in a place of quiet and calm when spending time with the LORD?
2. Pushing through the habituation and the almost stigmatic romance of this Psalm, how can you apply the principles of this Psalm to our lives when we are facing adversity just as David was?
3. Discuss why fear is a sin and how to overcome it and walk in the truth of the LORD's protection.
4. Define what it means to say that "problems are the 'mother' of opportunity." Then, give specific examples in your life of how you perceived something to be a problem, but God used it to be a new and exciting opportunity to bless you or someone else.