Psalm 23

**Scriptures** 



Part 1

## • Psalm 23:1-3

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.'

## • Revelation 22:16

**'16**"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."'

### • Revelation 3:7

<sup>'7</sup>"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:'

### • Isaiah 22:22

<sup>22</sup>"Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open.'

### • Isaiah 53:6

<sup>6</sup>All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.'

### • Philippians 4:12

<sup>'12</sup>I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.'

### **Other Scriptures**

- Psalm 37:25
- John 16:12

### Main Points

- Psalm 23 reveals the heart of God and the relationship that He wants us to have with Him.
  - o Keep in mind that David was facing adversity when he wrote this Psalm!
- David calls the LORD his "shepherd" indicating that God was real to him on a personal level
  The LORD was a *person* to David!
- The sufficiency of Jesus is enough for us to complete our assignment here on earth:
  - o To glorify God and be conformed to the image of Messiah Jesus

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- The LORD gives us food that we can digest; meaning that He will only give us what we can handle at the given time
  - See John 16:12
- The LORD is faithful to restore His own

# **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think that there is a "fairy-tale" type of stigma attached to this Psalm?

2. Discuss a time in your life when the LORD has only given you what you could handle and how you matured in that area and were granted more from Him because of your obedience.

3. Talk about a time when Jesus was faithful to restore things to you on a personal level.

4. Considering that David was facing adversity when he wrote this powerful Psalm, how can we apply this mentality and faith in our lives today?