

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4Even 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.

5You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

Psalm 23

- Written by King David
- King of Israel around 1010 – 970 BC
- Shepherding was a common occupation
- King David's early life as a shepherd helped him understand and use this metaphor for a shepherd's vigilance and care
- But why do we use this in funerals?

1The LORD **was their** shepherd; **they did not want.**

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Psalm 91:1 – 2

1He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

History

- Psalm 91 was written most likely by Moses or David, yet scholars are not sure
- This chapter emphasizes the protection and faithfulness of God

Romans 8:38-39

- 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Written by Paul in about 50AD
 - Chapter 8 emphasizes living in the Spirit and the freedom by being God's children

Mark 10:25 – 27

- 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” 27Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

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EMERGENCY

- Fire Plan – Do you know the exits?
- Medical Plan – Who knows what? Are you set up for success?
- Attack – Know your options!
 - Evacuate, Hide Out, or Take Action – Department of Homeland security
 - Run, Hide, Fight – FBI
 - How to search: Run hide fight current training

Conclusion

- You have security in the Lord, this world is not our home
- Know what to do in any emergency!
- Run, Hide, Fight

HOMEWORK: READ PSALM 91