

# Psalms 23

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## The Lord Is My Shepherd

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
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- <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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**Lord** — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

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**Mercy** — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

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## **Righteous** — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

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## **CROSS REFERENCES**

**Psalms 23:1** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 40:11; Matthew 6:33; John 10:11; 10:14; Romans 8:32; Philippians 4:19; 1 Peter 2:25; 5:4; Revelation 7:17. **References Lord:** Psalms 84:11

**Psalms 23:2** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 46:4; Job 34:29; Isaiah 30:23; Revelation 7:17; 21:6; 22:1; 22:17

**Psalms 23:3** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 19:7; 31:3; 51:10; 51:12; 79:9; Job 33:30; Isaiah 42:16; Revelation 3:19. **Righteousness:** Psalms 5:8; Proverbs 8:20

**Psalms 23:4** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 3:6; 46:11; 118:6; 138:7; Isaiah 41:10; Micah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; 28:20; Luke 1:79; 2 Timothy 4:22

**Psalms 23:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:5; 45:7; 92:10; 104:15; Job 36:16; John 16:22; 2 Corinthians 1:21; Ephesians 3:20; 1 John 2:20; 2:27

**Psalms 23:6** **References Lord:** Psalms 27:4; 2 Timothy 4:18. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:11; 17:15; 21:4; 2 Corinthians 1:10; 5:1; Philippians 1:23. **Grace:** Psalms 103:17

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