

## Psalm 23

**Psalm 23** <sup>1</sup> **The LORD (*Yahweh*) is my shepherd (*rā'â*); I shall not want (*hazer*).**

*rā'â* - tend a flock, i.e. pasture it; tend, shepherd; also generally to lead a people, rule  
*rā'â* - to see, appear  
*hazer* - lack or need

**Proverbs 15:3** *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil (*ra*) and the good (*towb*).*

**Jeremiah 3:14-15** <sup>14</sup> *Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:* <sup>15</sup> *And I will give you pastors (*rā'â*) according to mine heart, which shall feed (*rā'â*) you with knowledge (*dē'â*) and understanding (*śākal*).*

*dē'â* - understanding; from *yada*  
*śākal* - circumspect, intelligent, prudent, prosperous

**Genesis 3:6-8** <sup>6</sup> *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise (*śākal*), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.* <sup>7</sup> *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

<sup>2</sup> **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**he leadeth me beside the still (*menûhâ*) waters.**

*menûhâ* - attendant abiding place of breath/presence of God

**John 7:37-38** <sup>37</sup> *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.* <sup>38</sup> *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

<sup>3</sup> **He restoreth (*shûb*) my soul:**

*shûb* - to turn back, return, restore

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness (*sedeq*) for his name's sake.**

**Genesis 22:14** *And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovah Jireh** (*rā'â*): as it is said to this day, **In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.***

<sup>4</sup> **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil (*ra'*): for thou art with me;**

*thy rod and thy staff...*

*Leviticus 27:32* And concerning the tithes of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

**they comfort (nāham) me.**

*nāham* - primitive root - to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly; by implication to be sorry, i.e. (in a favorable sense) to pity, console; repent

*Psalms 110:4* The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent (nacham), Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**Feast**

**<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest (āarak) a table before me in the presence (sarār) of mine enemies:**

*Isaiah 42:5* Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

*Song of Songs 2:4* He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

*āarak* - to set/arrange in order; often used in martial contexts of drawing up in battle order  
*sarār* - narrow, confining, bound, distress, pressed emotionally by enemies, or as woman in travail

*Psalms 31:19-20* <sup>19</sup> Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! <sup>20</sup> Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence **from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly** in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

**thou anointest (dāshēn) my head with oil;**

*Psalms 92:14* They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat (dāshēn) and flourishing;

**my cup runneth over.**

*Psalms 104:15* And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness (tôb) and mercy (hesed) shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD (Yahweh) for ever.**