

Unit 3: Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise (Lessons 10 – 13)

Lesson 10

November 3, 2024

Subject: Confidence in God's Shepherding

Devotional Reading: John 10:1-10

Background Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6; John 10:11-14

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6

Memory Verse: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6 NIV

Lesson Aim: To show how God demonstrates his loving care as a Shepherd.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. THE SHEPHERD'S PROVISIONS: PSALM 23:1-3

1. Who is the author of Psalm 23?
2. What title is given God in Psalm 23? Psalm 23:1a
3. What do you think led David to address God as a shepherd? 1 Samuel 16:11-13; 17:14-15, 34-37
4. What did David say was the personal benefit of accepting God as his shepherd? Psalm 23:1b
5. Why should a Christian never be in want of anything? Philippians 4:19
6. What duties of a shepherd are described in Psalm 23 that God does for his followers? Discuss each.
 - v. 2a _____ (spiritual food and rest)
 - v. 2b _____ (spiritual water and rest)
 - v. 3a _____ (spiritual restoration)
 - v. 3b _____ (spiritual guidance)
7. How may we enjoy "green pastures" and "still (quiet) waters"? Psalm 81:13; John 10:27
8. Why does God lead his followers in the path of righteousness? Psalm 23:3b

II. THE SHEPHERD'S PROTECTION: PSALM 23:4-5

9. From what dangers did David see God protecting him? Psalm 23:4a, 5a
 - v. 4a _____
 - v. 5a _____
10. How do you think God's rod and staff brings comfort and protection to those who trust Him?
11. What was David's response to the possibility of death (darkest valley)? Psalm 23:4b
12. Why did David not fear death (the darkest valley)? Psalm 23:4c

13. What dark valleys do we face today? Do we have the same assurance as David?
14. What was David's source of comfort? Psalm 23:4d
15. What did David say God was able to do for him in the presence of his enemies? Discuss how this describes God's power, protection and victory over our enemies. Psalm 23:5a
16. How will the Lord honor those who come to His banquet table? Psalm 23:5b
17. What do you think "anoint" refers to in Psalm 23:5b? 1 Samuel 16:13; Luke 7:46
18. What does David say that shows God goes beyond our expectation and satisfaction? Psalm 23:5c

III. THE SHEPHERD'S PRESENCE: PSALM 23:6

19. What two things was David certain of if he stayed under the care of the Lord? Psalm 23:6

v. 6a _____

v. 6b _____

20. How do you experience God's goodness and loving mercy in your life?
21. How can we make certain we enter and dwell in the house of the Lord (God's holy temple)?

Psalm 24:3-4 _____

Psalm 26:8 _____

Psalm 27:4 _____

22. What are benefits of dwelling in the house of the Lord?

Psalm 65:4 _____

Psalm 84:4 _____

Psalm 93:5 _____

Psalm 96:6 _____

Isaiah 56:7 _____

BACKGROUND

23. How is Jesus demonstrated as Shepherd in the New Testament?

John 10:11 _____

Hebrews 13:10 _____

1 Peter 5:4 _____