



“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

The 23rd Psalm is probably the most well-known Scripture in the world. Nearly everyone has heard it and perhaps found comfort in it whether they believe in God, have accepted His Son Jesus, or not.

When David penned this Psalm, he was a king but was thinking back to the time when he was a shepherd. He was doing what I recommend we do: “Look back into the rear-view mirror of our lives and SEE what the Lord has done for us.” See how Almighty God has led us, provided for us, answered prayer, shared His wisdom, and shown us His love for us in a myriad of ways.

Back in that day and age, shepherds were a bigger deal than today, but despite our lack of shepherds, the principle is the same.

Sheep are, please excuse the term, DUMB. No other way to put it. IF allowed, they will follow each other off a cliff and fall to their deaths. But a good shepherd avoids such events by the way he leads and guides his dependent sheep.

Our God wants to be YOUR Shepherd. And he wants you to TRUST HIM. trust that He knows best and is leading in such a way that you’ll have “no want.”

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD. (Is He yours?) John – one of the closest disciples to Jesus – wrote: *“But to all who did receive Him, He gave the right to become children of*

God, even to those who believed on His name.” (John 1:12). Are you one of His children?

I SHALL NOT WANT. (Are you following and trusting Him to take care of you and provide your needs?) **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

In these weird times of fear, doubt, worry, panic, quarantining, and so on, I want to encourage you: **“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”**

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for being MY Shepherd. You are a great shepherd. You know what is best for ME, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Amid a society which seems extremely fearful and panicked about tomorrow, help me to put my trust in YOU every day. You are my Great Shepherd, and I’ll trust you to take care of me. Amen.

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Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. (Psalm 113:2)