



“SURE IN THE SHEPHERD (PART I)”

PSALM 23:1-3 BIBLE STUDY

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PSALM 23:1
*THE LORD [YHWH] IS
MY SHEPHERD*



The LORD [YHWH] is my shepherd;
I do not lack. (Ps 23:1, AT)





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- She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus** [which means: **YHWH saves**], because he will **save** his people from their **sins**.” (Mt 1:21, NIV)





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- 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” 12 And God said, “**I will be with you.** And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” (Ex 3:11-12, NIV)





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13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD [YHWH]**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my **name** forever,
the **name** you shall call me
from generation to generation. (Ex 3:13-15, NIV)





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MY *SHEPHERD*



- 1 **All the tribes of Israel** came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD [YHWH] said to you, ‘**You will shepherd my people Israel**, and you will become their **ruler.**’ ” (2 Sam 5:1-2, NIV)



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THE LORD [YHWH] IS
MY *SHEPHERD*



70 He **chose David** his servant
and took him from the **sheep pens**;
71 from **tending the sheep** he brought him
to be the **shepherd of his people** Jacob,
of Israel his inheritance.
72 And **David shepherded** them with integrity of heart;
with skillful hands he **led** them.

(Ps 78:70-72, NIV)





PSALM 23:1
THE LORD [YHWH] IS
MY *SHEPHERD*



Hear us, **Shepherd of Israel**,

you who **lead** Joseph like a **flock**.

(Ps 80:1ab, NIV; cf. Num 27:17; 1 Ki 22:17)

Save your people and bless your inheritance;

be their **shepherd** and carry them forever.

(Ps 28:9, NIV; cf. Ps 74:1)





PSALM 23:1
THE LORD [YHWH] IS
MY *SHEPHERD*



Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD [YHWH] our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his **pasture**,
the **flock** under his care.

(Ps 95:6-7abc, NIV; cf. Ps 79:13; Zec 9:16)





PSALM 23:1
THE LORD [YHWH] IS
MY *SHEPHERD*



Your path **led through the sea,**
your way **through the mighty waters,**
though your footprints were not seen.

You led your people **like a flock**
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

(Ps 77:19-20, NIV)





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MY SHEPHERD



- 15 Then he blessed Joseph and said, “May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the **God** who has been **my shepherd** all my life to this day, 16 the Angel who has **delivered me** from all harm —may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they increase greatly on the earth.” (Gen 48:15-16, NIV; cf. Gen 49:22-24)





PSALM 23:1
(THEREFORE) I DO NOT
LACK (ANYTHING)



- The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD [YHWH]’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate **all the food we wanted**, but you have brought us out into this desert to **starve** this entire assembly to **death**.” (Ex 16:3, NIV)





PSALM 23:1
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- 4 Then the LORD [YHWH] said to Moses, “I will **rain down bread from heaven** for you. The people are to go out each day and gather **enough for that day**. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be **twice as much** as they gather on the other days.”
(Ex 16:4-5, NIV)





PSALM 23:1
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- But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little **had no lack** [חָסֵר | *hāsēr*]. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. (Ex 16:18, ESV)





PSALM 23:1
(THEREFORE) I DO NOT
LACK (ANYTHING)



- The LORD [YHWH] your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast **wilderness**. These **forty** years the LORD [YHWH] your God has been with you, and you **have not lacked** [חָסַר | *ḥāsēr*] anything. (Dt 2:7, NIV)





PSALM 23:1
(THEREFORE) I DO NOT
LACK (ANYTHING)



- Observe the commands of the LORD [YHWH] your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the LORD [YHWH] your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will **lack** [חָסַר | *ḥāsēr*] **nothing** ; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. (Dt 8:6-9, NIV)





PSALM 23:1
(THEREFORE) I DO NOT
LACK (ANYTHING)



- For forty years you **sustained** them in the **wilderness**; they **lacked** [חָסֵר | *ḥāsēr*] **nothing**, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen. (Neh 9:21, NIV)





PSALM 23:2
GRUB IS FRESH;
LOVE TO REST



In pastures of new green grass, He lets me lie down;
by waters of complete rest, He guides me
(Ps 23:2, AT)





PSALM 23:2
GRUB IS FRESH;
LOVE TO REST



Tell me, you whom I love,
where you **graze your flock**
and where you **rest** [רַבַּץ | *rābaṣ*] your **sheep** at midday.
(So 1:7abc, NIV)





PSALM 23:2
TAKE ME TO THE
WATERS OF REST



He tends his flock like a **shepherd**:

He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;

he **gently leads** (נָהַל | *nāhal*) those that have young.

(Is 40:11, NIV)





PSALM 23:2
TAKE ME TO THE
WATERS OF REST



They will neither hunger nor thirst,
nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them.
He who has compassion on them will guide them
and **lead** [נָהַל | *nāhal*] them beside springs of **water**.
(Is 49:10, NIV)





PSALM 23:2
TAKE ME TO THE
WATERS OF REST



In your **unfailing love** [טוֹן | *ḥesed*] you will lead
the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will **guide** [נָהַל | *nāhal*] them
to your holy **dwelling**. (Ex 15:13, NIV)





PSALM 23:2
TAKE ME TO THE
WATERS OF REST



- So they set out from the mountain of the LORD [YHWH] and traveled for three days. The ark of the covenant of the LORD [YHWH] went before them during those three days to find them a place to rest [מְנוּחָה | *měnûḥâ*] (Num 10:33, NIV)





PSALM 23:2
TAKE ME TO THE
WATERS OF REST



52 But he brought his people out like a **flock**;
he **led** them like **sheep** through the **wilderness**.

53 He **guided** [נָהַל | *nāhal*] them safely, so they were unafraid;
but the sea engulfed their enemies.

54 And so he brought them to the border of his holy land,
to the hill country his right hand had taken.

55 He drove out nations before them
and allotted their lands to them as an inheritance;
he **settled** the tribes of Israel in their **homes**. (Ps 78:52-55, NIV)



PSALM 23:3
REFRESHED SOUL,
RIGHTEOUS TRACKS



My soul He refreshes

He leads me in right(eous) tracks

for the sake of His Name

(Ps 23:3, AT)





PSALM 23:3
SOUL
NEPEŠ



Save me, O God,

for the waters have come up to my **neck** [שׁוֹפָן | *nepeš*].

(Ps 69:1, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
SOUL
NEPEŠ



- Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the **breath** [נְפֶשׁ | *nepeš*] of life in it... (Gen 1:29-30a, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
SOUL
NEPEŠ



- And God said, “Let the land produce **living creatures** [נְפֹשׁוֹת | *nepesh*] according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.”
And it was so. (Gen 1:24, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
SOUL
NEPEŠ



- Then the LORD [YHWH] God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man **became a living being** [נֶפֶשׁ | *nepeš*].
(Gen 2:7, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
SOUL
NEPEŠ



- He [the high priest] must not enter a place where there is a dead **body** [נֶפֶשׁ | *nepesh*]. He must not make himself unclean, even for his father or mother, (Lev 21:11, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



Your statutes are wonderful;

therefore **I** [lit. **my *nepesh***] obey them.

(Ps 119:29, NIV)

Your testimonies are wonderful;

therefore **my soul** [נַפְשִׁי | *nepesh*] keeps them.

(Ps 119:129, ESV)





PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



I spread out my hands to you;

I [lit. my *nepesh*] thirst for you like a parched land.

(Ps 143:6, NIV)

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul [נַפְשִׁי | *nepesh*] thirsts for you like a parched land. (Ps 143:6, ESV)



PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,

I [my *nepeš*] know that full well. (Ps 139:14, NIV)

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

my soul [נַפְשִׁי | *nepeš*] knows it very well. (Ps 139:14, ESV)





PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



Bless the LORD [YHWH], O my soul [נַפְשִׁי | *nepeš*]:

And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

(Ps 103:1, KJV)





PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL'S DESIRE
NEPEŠ



Everyone's toil is for their mouth,
yet their **appetite** [נַפְּשׁוֹ | *nepesh*] is never satisfied.
(Ec 6:7, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL'S DESIRE
NEPEŠ



The **appetite** [נַפְּשׁוֹ | *nepesh*] of laborers works for them;
their **hunger** drives them on.

(Pr 16:26, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
MY SOUL'S DESIRE
NEPEŠ



- Love the LORD [YHWH] your God with all your heart and with all your soul [נַפְשׁוֹ | *nepesh*] and with all your strength. (Dt 6:5, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
RETURN/REFRESH MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



- “Even now,” declares the LORD [YHWH], “return [שוב | *šûb*] to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” (Joel 2:12, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
RETURN/REFRESH MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



Like a snow-cooled drink at harvest time

is a trustworthy messenger to the one who sends him;

he refreshes [שׁוּב | *šûb*] the spirit [נְפֶשׁ | *nepesh*] of his master.

(Pr 25:13, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
RETURN/REFRESH MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



The law of the LORD [YHWH] is perfect,

refreshing [שׁוּב | *šûb*] the soul [נֶפֶשׁ | *nepeš*].

The statutes of the LORD [YHWH] are trustworthy,

making wise the simple.

(Ps 19:7, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
RETURN/REFRESH MY SOUL
NEPEŠ



- “He will **renew** [שׁוּב | *šûb*] **your life** [נַפְשׁ | *nepeš*] and **sustain you** in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.” (Ru 4:15, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
HE LEADS ME
IN RIGHTEOUS TRACKS



The LORD [YHWH] will **guide** [נְהַיָּךְ | *nāḥâ*] you always;

he will satisfy your **needs** [נְפֹשֶׁךָ | *nepes̄*] in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden,

like a spring whose waters never fail. (Is 58:11, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
HE LEADS ME
IN RIGHTEOUS TRACKS



- By day the LORD [YHWH] went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to **guide** [הנָּהָל | *nāḥâ*] them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. (Ex 13:21, NIV; cf. Ex 13:17, 15:13, 32:34; Dt 32:12; Neh 9:12; Ps 77:20, 78:14)





PSALM 23:3
FOR THE SAKE
OF HIS NAME



Since you are my rock and my fortress,

for the sake of your name lead [נָחָה | *nāḥâ*] and **guide** [נָהַל | *nāhal*] me.

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,

for you are my refuge. (Ps 31:3-4, NIV)





PSALM 23:3
FOR THE SAKE
OF HIS NAME



8 Yet he saved them for **his name's sake**,
to make his mighty power known.

9 He **rebuked the Red Sea**, and it dried up;
he led them through the depths as through a desert.

(Ps 106:8-9, NIV)

