



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

**DAVID'S GREATEST HIT**

PSALM 23

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Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - July 9th, 2023

1. Live \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 1-3)

*Psalm 23 (ESV)*  
*23 A PSALM OF DAVID.*  
*1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*  
*2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.*  
*He leads me beside still waters.*  
*3 He restores my soul.*  
*He leads me in paths of righteousness*  
*for his name's sake.*  
*4 Even though I walk through the valley of*  
*the shadow of death,*  
*I will fear no evil,*  
*for you are with me;*  
*your rod and your staff,*  
*they comfort me.*  
*5 You prepare a table before me*  
*in the presence of my enemies;*  
*you anoint my head with oil;*  
*my cup overflows.*  
*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me*  
*all the days of my life,*  
*and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD*  
*forever.*

2. Live \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 4-5)

3. Live \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 5-6)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Psalm 23 is the most popular and familiar Psalm. How has this Psalm encouraged you in your life? What stood out to you from this study of Psalm 23 and what difference will that make in your thinking and living?
2. **Reread Psalm 23:1.** Meditate on the reality that Yahweh is your shepherd. What are some of the reasons that you fail to trust in him? What are some of the reasons you should trust him more than you do?
3. **Read Matthew 6:32-33.** What are some of the ways misdirected desires can negatively affect your contentment? What will it look like this week for you to “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” this week?
4. **Read Psalm 23:4.** What are some of the “evils” you personally are most tempted to fear? How does the promised provision and protection of God give you courage in the face of those specific fears?
5. **Read 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18.** How should the reality that “we will always be with the Lord” be encouraging to you this week? As you encounter various difficulties this week, be intentional to remind yourself of this truth.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Burroughs, Jeremiah. *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*. CreateSpace Independent Publish Platform, 2013. Kindle Edition.

Keller, Phillip. *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. HarperPaperbacks, 1970.

Piper, John. *Future Grace*. Multnomah. 2012.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would be more content, courageous, and confident because the Lord is our shepherd.

Pray for those you know who are currently in the “valley of the shadow of death.”

Pray that more people in our church would consistently benefit from personal Bible reading/study.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
7/10	Jeremiah 52	1 Corinthians 8
7/11	Ezekiel 1-4	1 Corinthians 9
7/12	Ezekiel 5-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
7/13	Ezekiel 9-12	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
7/14	Ezekiel 13-15	1 Corinthians 11:1-16
7/15	Ezekiel 16	1 Corinthians 11:17-34