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PSALM 23 19/07/20



<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>King David had been a shepherd boy before God chose him to be king. In Psalm 19 we saw that David knew how great God was - he was the creator of the universe and he could find out about him in the Bible. In psalm 23 we can see that David didn't just know ABOUT God. He KNEW him - he knew he was with him, caring for him, helping him and guiding him through all the ups and downs of life. That can be true for us too...</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p>Psalm 23 Read it ... https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=NIV Or listen to it being read ... https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Ps.23</p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<p><i>A setting of Psalm 23 by The Corner Room</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEQU1SH8oM</p>  <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqmBU2M2p3k <i>Another song based on Psalm 23 by Twanny2c - hiphop.</i></p>
<p>Watch...</p>	<p>https://www.christchurchchristiancentre.org/psalm-234-devotional-from-tim-de-la-cour/</p>  <p><i>A few thoughts on this psalm from a young guy from Bournemouth - speaking about the Coronavirus situation - 5 minutes long.</i></p>

Think...

Read or listen to psalm 23 again.

Look at verse 1

- 1. Look at each word - slowly, one at a time. Why is each word important? The...LORD...is...my...shepherd*

God is the only Lord - the only God. He is the LORD - Lord of heaven and earth (as we saw in Psalm 19). He is - not was at some time. My - this is personal - not everyone's or Mum and Dad's - MY. Shepherd - the one who looks after and protects. The Lord of heaven and earth is, now, looking after you personally to protect and guide you. WOW!!

Look at verses 2-4

- 2. In what situations does David know that God is with him? What kind of times in your life might this relate to?*
3. How does God help in verse 2,3,4?
4. How might knowing that help you day by day?

Look at verse 6 - verse 5 applies more to David/Jesus than us - maybe we can look at that another time!

- 5. God has been with David in the past so he is totally confident that he will be with him in the future and that when he dies he will go to be with him forever, Because of Jesus we can be even more confident than David! Jesus was the ultimate good shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep - he will never let us go!*

Listen...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMxfBbr2FTM>

A great song by City Alight based on psalm 23...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYR0xP1j4PY>

Another brilliant song by Lauren Daigle - Rescue. One of the things Jesus - the good shepherd - does is never give up searching for his lost sheep. If you feel you are lost this is for you.



Pray...

- *David knows that God cares for him and looks after him.*
- *Go over those words in verse 1 again. Thank God that he is YOUR shepherd. If you are not sure if he is ask him to help you trust in him!*
- *Thank God for the times he has looked after you in the good times.*
- *If there are things you are worried about talk to God about them knowing he will always be with you, leading and guiding you and never letting you go.*

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