

The Awesome Shepherd Part 2

Last week we looked at Psalm 23:1-3

- I. We saw that David's journey to Total Victory began with a Calculated Decision.
David claimed Jehovah as his Savior and Guide.
- II. We saw that David's Decision led to:
 1. Assurance, 2. Rest, 3. New Strength, and 4. Guidance.

This Morning we will look at Psalm 23:4-6.

VI. DAVID'S DECISION LED TO COURAGE. **Psalm 23:4**

Leading his sheep into new pastures,
the shepherd will sometimes take them through deep ravines and dark valley.
But notice that he doesn't leave them in the valley. He takes them through.
The Shepherd used his rod or staff to fend off danger.
There is no evil to fear when following the Shepherd's lead.

Isaiah 43:1, 2

VII. DAVID'S DECISION LED TO FELLOWSHIP. **Psalm 23:4b**

Notice again, he doesn't leave them in the valley.
He takes them through.
His presence is always sufficient at all times.

VIII. DAVID'S DECISION LED TO COMFORT. **Psalm 23:4c**

The shepherd used his rod and staff to fend off danger.
What they were to the sheep, the Word of the Lord is to us.
It guides or lifts those who have fallen.

IX. DAVID'S DECISION LED TO PROVISION. **Psalm 23:5a**

A feast demonstrates the Lord's care and mercy toward his people.
Although the enemies can watch, they cannot trouble the guests.
Anointing the head with oil showed guests honor, hospitality, and refreshment.
Our Shepherd doesn't remove us from our enemies.
Instead, He prepares a table in the midst of them.

X. DAVID'S DECISION LED TO ABSOLUTE SECURITY **Psalm 23:6**

Wrath and judgment don't follow us.
Goodness and unfailing love do.
The Lord expresses his unfailing love through
the goodness of his presence and blessings that he alone provides.
He actively bestows care that is greater than the temporary trials imposed by enemies.

I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

David **didn't hope** he would dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
He **knew** he would dwell in the house of the Lord forever.