




**Knowing
God's
Goodness**




**How
have you
experienced
the goodness of
God in your life?**

God is Himself good.
God's good actions
towards us flows from
His own goodness



God's Hesed covenantal
loyal love for us that
causes Him to act
mercifully towards us



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All the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD

Forever

Psalm 23:6

**How is God's Goodness and Mercy
found in our lives?**

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He makes me to lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside the still
waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of
righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, 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.
You prepare a table before me in
the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
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Psalm 23

v. 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**The Great I AM is my Shepherd
That means I shall lack nothing**

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““I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:11

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me” Jn 10:14

v. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

1. We will not lack REST

“It is almost impossible for them to be made to lie down unless four requirements are met. Owing to their timidity they refuse to lie down unless they are free of all fear. Because of the social behavior within a flock sheep will not lie down unless they are free from friction with others of their kind. If tormented by flies or parasites, sheep will not lie down. Only when free of these pests can they relax. Lastly, sheep will not lie down as long as they feel in need of finding food. They must be free from hunger.” - Philip Keller

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1. We will not lack REST

Do we have:

Fears and anxiety?

Relational difficulty and stress?

Annoying people who give us problems?

Hunger that doesn't seem to be satisfied?

Are they causing us to feel tired and rest-less?

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1. We will not lack REST

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” - Matt 11:28

v. 3a He restores my soul;

2. We will not lack LIFE

The word for soul can mean “a living being”

It is translated “soul” 238 times, but “life” 146 times

God literally “Saves Our Souls”



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2. We will not lack LIFE

Have we gotten stuck or in trouble by our own actions?

Are we helpless and struggling under our own weight?

Are our souls in danger of losing the life that is in us?

Let the Shepherd help us get back on our feet.

Let Him save us and bring us back to Life.

v. 3b He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

3. We will not lack GUIDANCE

Have we ever gotten lost?

Has our own wisdom ever failed?

Did what we thought was good for us turn out to be bad?

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3. We will not lack GUIDANCE

**All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.
We have left God's paths to follow our own.
Yet the LORD laid on him
the sins of us all.**

Is 53:6

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**The Lord will lead us
and the paths will be right
and they will be for His purposes and glory**

v. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
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4. We will not lack His PROTECTION and His PRESENCE

**The presence of a Divine Shepherd does not mean we are
shielded from life on this earth**

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**Valleys are paths through the mountains.
God brings us to them to bring us through them
It is through them that we find new pastures (growth)**

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The problem with valleys is FEAR
The answer to FEAR is not the absence of danger,
but the presence of the Shepherd

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**Having the Shepherd with us means
Evil will ultimately not prevail**

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v. 5 You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

**5. We will not lack His PROVISION
and His PROMOTION**

**He will provide for us a banquet, even amidst opposition
He gives us honour and blessing**

v. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

6. We will not lack a HEAVENLY HOME

**The word “dwell” also means “return”
so we will also “return to the house of the LORD Forever”**

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**God's goodness and mercy in this life extends to the
life we have in Him even in our eternal home**

Does this bring comfort and hope to us today?

Have we experienced God's Goodness in our lives?

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2. We will not lack LIFE

3. We will not lack GUIDANCE

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