

**The Lord Is My Shepherd 4**

**We are learning what it means**

**To have the Lord as our shepherd...**

*Psalm 23*

*1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides 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 love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

The Lord is my Shepherd...

With the Lord as our Shepherd we will have all our needs and deepest wants fulfilled. "I shall not be in want"???

When we follow Christ H restores our soul...

**Jesus does not ask us to follow Him until we are restored and ready...**

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**The Shepherd leads us on paths best suited for us...**

*Vs. 3 He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

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**He guides me IN PATHS, literally means...**

**To Take Us Into a Higher and New Place**

**Only the Shepherd Has Access To...**

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**Verse 3 also tells us why**

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**Vs. 3 He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

**We know this is God's will because Jesus told us to pray for it...**

*Matthew 6:9-10*

*9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

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*We need to follow the Shepherd...*