

Psalm 23

A Psalm to David.

*Yahweh is my shepherd, I shall not lack.
In green pastures He causes me to lie down in green pastures;
Beside still waters He will lead me.*

*He brings back and restores my soul;
He causes me to walk in paths of tzedeq¹ for His name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, because You are with me and Your rod and Your staff comfort me.*

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

*Surely Your protection² and loving loyalty³ shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the House of Yahweh forever.*

¹ *tzedeq* and *tzedaqah* are acts that create *shalom* (totality, wholeness, safety, security)

² *tov* (God's acts that protect and preserve lives, make lives more functional and increase the quality of life).

³ *hesed* (loving kindness + loyalty).