

Text: **Psalm 23**

THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

1. A very personal reflection about the Lord as Shepherd
2. Note the use of the first person singular throughout the Psalm

TWO IMAGERY IDEAS IN PSALM 23

1. The Shepherd Imagery (Psalm 23:1-4)
2. The Host Imagery (Psalm 23:5)

THE LORD AS A SHEPHERD

1. My Shepherd
2. The work of the faithful Shepherd
 - a) He makes me lie down in green pastures
 - b) He leads me beside the still waters
 - c) He restores my soul
 - d) He leads me in the paths of righteousness
 - e) For His name's sake
 - f) You are with me
 - g) Your rod and Your staff they comfort me
3. Appropriate response
 - a) I shall not want
 - b) I will fear no evil

THE LORD AS A HOST

1. You prepare a table before me

2. In the presence of My enemies

3. You anoint my head with oil

4. My cup runs over

5. Appropriate response

a) Faith

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

b) Confident Hope

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever