

Chart: Psalms 23:1-6  
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<p>1The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want</p> <p>Relation to God is as a shepherd to his sheep: On duty 24/7 Continual loving care</p>	<p><b><u>Shepherd:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ra’ah</b> is pastor in Hebrew: To tend a flock; to graze literally or figuratively; <b>to rule; to guard; to care for; to feed</b></li> <li>- Standard word for one who leads, protects and feeds a flock;</li> <li>- means <b>“ruler or teacher”</b></li> <li>- metaphor for the task of spiritual leadership</li> <li>- <b>WHO ARE OUR PASTORS?</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Jer. 3:15 “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”</i></p>
<p>2He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.</p>	

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<p>3He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.</p>	
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4Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no  
evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Valley of the shadow of death:**

- *Tsalmaweth*: gloom, deep darkness, terror,
- Deep ravines where wild beasts often hid

**Rod:** *shebet* masculine

- Club, sceptre, staff; mark of authority
- Used for fighting, weapon to drive away enemies
- Protection
  
- Stick for writing; it is what writes the little book in Rev. 10
  
- Rod: rhabdos = scepter
  
- Man-child is to rule all nations with a rod of iron: His rod is a shepherd's staff – comforting and consoling.
  
- The words of S&H and the Bible are the means of correcting and governing us; keeping us in the ways of God
  
- Judah's hand holds the scepter. "The scepter is in the hand of Judah's lion, Christ Jesus"

**Staff:** *mish'enah* feminine

- Support; staff
- Walking stick; sustenance
- Symbolize guidance: they touch

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<p>5Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.</p>	<p>God prepares a feast for us.  Teaching and nourishing  Meeting the need exactly where it needs to</p> <p>Church services: come with a thought prepared to receive the feast</p> <p>Bible Lesson: marriage feast: wedding of the Word with its spiritual interpretation which equals the Pastor</p>
<p>6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.</p> <p>Very last paragraph in S&amp;H: has to be important  Prism for teaching of Christ and CS  CS fulfills this Psalm in our lives  Backed by divine Principle:  unchangeable law</p>	<p><b>Surely= <i>ak</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A tiny word that intensifies the meaning</li> <li>- It can mean the only</li> </ul> <p>Follow: means to run after, to follow eagerly, to pursue</p>