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Experiencing God's Presence  
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## **Experiencing God's Presence In Times Of Crisis**

*Psalm 23*

### **Introduction**

The Question In Life is NOT...

**"WILL we go through difficult times?"**

The Question In life IS...

**"HOW will we go through them?"**

- ◆ Will we go through them alone?
- ◆ Will we keep a stiff upper lip?
- ◆ Will we be crushed under their weight?
- ◆ Will we give up in despair?
- ◆ Will we go into denial?
- ◆ Will we become bitter and resentful?

<OR>

**Will we experience the PEACE and POWER of God  
that Jesus promised us?**



A Song Of Comfort For  
Those In Crisis  
Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



## How to Experience God in a Crisis

### 1. I shall not be in *want* . . .

. . . because the Shepherd PROVIDES all my needs.

### 2. I will *fear no evil* . . .

. . . because the Shepherd PROTECTS me from all evil.

### 3. I will *dwell* in the house of the Lord . . .

. . . because the Shepherd PROMISES me an abundant life now, and forever.



How Can You Experience God's  
Peace And Power In Your Situation Today?

**Understand that...**

1. ...we are all sheep
2. ...every sheep needs a shepherd.
3. ...Jesus wants to be your shepherd today.

"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."

*Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*

**A Prayer of Faith**

Today, I asked You, Jesus, to be my Shepherd. I ask You to **provide** for my needs and **protect** me from evil. Today, I "take You up" on Your **promise** of an abundant life.

I ask You to forgive my sins and let me dwell in Your house forever.

Today, I surrender my life to Your wise and good leadership.

**Make me the person You want me to be.**

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