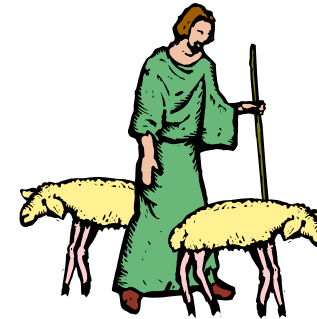


# PSALM 23 BOOKLET

*A collection of various versions of Psalm 23 through the eyes, minds and hearts of the First Baptist Church of York.*



The Lord is my One-Who-Watches-Over, he provides me with everything that I need.

He makes me rest in beauty, He leads me in times of quiet. He is my soul's peace.

He guides to the right places at the right times for His honor, not for mine.

Even though my journey takes me on dark paths that sometimes seem to have no end, I will be at peace. I will not fear whatever is in the darkest places in this world or in me, for your presence is my light. Your wisdom, your law, your grace and mercies comfort me.

You prepare a joyous feast of celebration when my enemies have been vanquished: sin, death, temptation, doubt, self-doubt, anxiety and fear. You give me peace, and always more than enough grace so that I tell others about your care and victories.

Your goodness and your love will surround me my whole life and carry me through death's door into endless grace forever.

-Pastor Tim Munson

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**4 Yea, 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.**

**5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

-David, Psalm 23 (KJV)

God is my father; I will not be in need of anything.

He encourages me to rest and have inner peace.

He renews my spirit, and through His grace makes me able to face Him.

Even when I struggle through difficult and depressing times, I can be at peace, for my God is with me, teaching, guiding and comforting me.

My Father helps me stand up and face my challenges: He heals me and provides bounteous blessings.

Because God is my father, I feel blessed every day of my life, and He will accept me in His Kingdom forever.

-Sara Kepner

The Lord is my System Administrator, I have full access to all I need.

He makes sure my power supply is more than ample,

He ensures that all of my security systems are fully operational and up-to-date,

He performs regular system maintenance, and restorations when needed.

His policies are the rules by which my usage is governed. They demonstrate His knowledge and wisdom.

Even though I see blue screens of death all around me, I will fear no downtime, for you are with me;

Your network and your firewall, they comfort me.

You provide a safe and secure environment for me amidst my enemies.

You anoint me with the oil of unlimited resources; my processing capacity is immeasurable.

Surely your perpetual service plan will keep me running in the house of the Lord forever.

-Bill Kepner

The Lord is my Guide.

He leads me through life's paths. He shows me the needs of others and supports my needs.

He walks with me and talks with me.

I know he will be with me when I go through life's last days.

And when I go to meet him what joys it will bring.

I'll say goodbye to you here, and "Glory, Hallelujah, Amen" up there.

-Shirley Diehl

The lord is my youth director, He desires a deep and lasting relationship with me.

He speaks living words to me and uses great object lessons.

He takes me away on weekend retreats and VBS's to refresh and direct my soul.

Even when my world seems to fall apart you listen, with a nonjudgmental ear and pray earnestly. You give advice that is sometimes hard to hear and encouraging words.

You have prepared awesome parties and events but even better lessons.

Surely goofy games, great memories and life changing lessons will follow me all the days of my life and I will be in the presence of the Lord forever.

-Carrie Young

The Lord is my church secretary, the first to know everything.

He places activities and events on my calendar and is careful they do not collide.

He is friendly and polite when I place calls to Him each day.

Yes, though He is sometimes extremely busy (especially during the holidays) He hears my needs and responds according to His master plan.

For when my deadline draws near, He puts my mind at peace and comforts my soul.

Surely my life will be guided by His word and he will unconditionally love me forever.

-Lucretia Whay

The Lord is my guiding light, He never leaves me in darkness.

He gives me rest when I'm weary. And peace in my heart when I'm troubled or confused.

He gives me a new day...every day.

Even though I go through sickness or even death He holds my hand and lights my way through.

I never have to be afraid because He's with me all the way.

He satisfies all my needs even though other things may try to take away my joy and my light.

He blesses me with His Love, unconditionally.

I know that He will be by my side in good and bad times all my life.

Until I'm with Him in Heaven for eternity.

-Ginny Thomas

The Lord is my father; the only Father I ever had or need, my best friend and the keeper of my soul.

He is my daily companion, the one who comforts me and gives me peace through the trials of life.

He has given me a new life.

As I count my blessings I am in awe of his mercy, how he always provides, protects and loves me.

I am filled with joy as I wait for the wonderful day when I begin spending eternity with my Father.

-Judy Enders

The Lord is my life's caretaker

I lack not one thing to make it in this world

He rests with me in a sea of wild flowers

He walks with me along the shore of a serene lake

He puts new life into my spirit

He shows me the way of right living

All to the glory of His name

Even though death may come knocking at my door

I have no fear of that earth ending possibility

Because my Lord sits next to me

His very Presence, gives me strength and comfort

He gives me courage to hold my head high  
in the face of those who would intend to harm me

He pours sweet smelling oil over my head

My cup is so full of His blessings that I have need of nothing more

It is wonderful to know that His Presence will be always with me

Until the end of my time here on Earth

For all these blessings and the joy of His Presence

I will call on His name forever

-Bob Miller

God, the creator and sustainer, the One who is before all and above all, The Great I AM is the one who looks out for me and has nothing but my best interest at heart.

It is because of His love and grace that I have all I will ever need or want.

In spite of myself, and all of my shortcomings, He allows me to have peace and calm in my life. He smoothes out the rough parts of my life so it seems like I am looking over the oceans and they are as smooth as glass.

When I am at my weakest, He holds me up and makes me feel strong again.

He has provided The Light so that I can see the correct way to go in my life. And no matter what, it is always His name that is blessed and lifted up.

And when things seem to be at their darkest, like finding out you have cancer, it is God himself who reminds me that there isn't anything to be afraid of. Because that is when He is standing the closest to me. He constantly has me surrounded by those of His choosing to see to my comfort and protection.

Even when those who want to harm me confront me, He always feeds me with wisdom and courage to persevere. He allows me into presence and covers me with grace to the point that I find I have more than I need.

There isn't any doubt in my mind that as long as I live, He will always be at my side and I will always be able to feel His unending love for me.

And when all is said and done, I will spend the rest of eternity in His presence.

-Charlie Krall

The LORD is my Mentor; I am provided for.

He has provided a comfortable place for me: he shows me how to stay out of trouble.

He showed me how to save my soul: he taught me how to live upright which honors his example.

Though I am faced ever day with un-Godly things I don't have to take part in them for he has taught me to believe in this protection.

He has blessed me with my needs but not all my wants as an example to the ungodly. I am blessed and I am not in want.

Surely I trust God to know what is best for me and I strive to be in his will so I can enjoy his goodness and mercy: so that I can dwell in the house of my mentor forever.

-Daryl Hull