

**6/20/21 - Speaker: Kenny Lee Dunham**

**Series: "Psalms for the Summer"**

**Today: Psalm 23:1-6**

Introduction

Some facts about **Psalms 23**:

- It is about 3,000 years old
- St Augustine called it "the Martyr's hymn"
- Abraham Lincoln found comfort in it
- George W. Bush read it in response to September 11, 2001

It is a beautiful metaphor describing David's relationship with God. God is David's shepherd.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 23:1)

ESV- Psalm 95:7 NLT- Isaiah 40:11

A. In the fields, \_\_\_\_\_.(Psalm 23:2-3)

- Psalm 23 implies \_\_\_\_\_

*The Shepherd takes care of the sheep*

- In the fields, the nature of the shepherd is to guide

*The Holy Spirit is our \_\_\_\_\_.* (John 16:13)

David's second phrase, "I shall not want"

Contentment comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

*Can we declare him firmly and confidently?*

- I have all that I need.

**"Worry is dealing with tomorrow's problems on today's pasture."**

- In the desert you learn the Shepherd will get you what you need for right now. Ten minutes from now we trust the Shepherd.

**ASK yourself**, is God Calling me to rest? God wants to restore our soul. (Psalm 23:3)

**ASK yourself**, do I need help? God wants to lead us

(Psalm 23:2-3)

B. In the valleys, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Psalm 23:4)

- God is with us and leads us through the valleys
- A shepherd protects his sheep with a rod and staff (Psalm 23:4)
- Jesus is the door to the sheep. (John 10:9,10)
- Jesus lays his life down for us (John 10:14)

C. In his house, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Psalm 23:5-6)

- In God's provision we experience abundance, satisfaction, and everlasting love.
- God wants to restore us

**Living in the house of the Lord forever...**

- We will permanently move from the fields and the valleys and sit down with Him at his table.
- God is the great shepherd and host (Revelation 7:16-17)

David knew who his Shepherd was.

*How well do we know the great Shepherd?*

**D. Close with Meditation**

(John 10:25-30)

Key: **God is our Shepherd, God gives us direction, care, guide, whom we have not what we have, God gives us protection, God gives us provision.**