

No Greater Comfort

What is it that calms your fears? Depending on the source of your anxiety and the subject matter, where do you go when crisis hits? What are the situations in life where you would trade anything for contentment and confidence?

What is of primary importance to remember in understanding the message of Psalm 23?

David is not writing a UNIVERSAL declaration of COMFORT for every person everywhere.

(Psalm 22 comes first; John 10:22-29)

The question of the hour for you is this: Is the LORD YOUR Shepherd?

What is the perspective of David, and how can believers today benefit from this Psalm?

David's trust is seen both in His declarations ABOUT God, and His dialogue WITH Him.

(vv.2,3 Third person; vv.4,5 First person)

David understood that God's LEADING is loving...regardless of the path. (vv.3,4)

(Psalm 84:11; Romans 8:28,29)

David's CONFIDENCE rested in the PRESENCE of God WITH him. (v.4) He knew it.

(Hebrews 13:5b-6)

David's CONTENTMENT is grounded in POWER of God shown TO him. (v.4) He saw it.

(1 John 4:4)

David's COMFORT was sourced in the PURPOSE of God FOR him. (v.4) He believed it.

What takeaway applications are needful as we conclude this look at Psalm 23?

It is not my WORTH, but God's CHARACTER, that is the source of His goodness to you. (v.6)

It is not my PERFORMANCE, but God's NATURE, that He proves His love to you. (v.6)