

## PSALM 23

3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Shepherd

He renews my strength

Psalm 94:19 When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.

2 Corinthians 4:16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Ephesians 4:21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,

22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Philippians 4:13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

He guides me along right paths

Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Isaiah 53:6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

Deuteronomy 5:32 So Moses told the people, "You must be careful to obey all the commands of the Lord your God, following his instructions in every detail.

33 Stay on the path that the Lord your God has commanded you to follow. Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

Psalm 119:33 Teach me your decrees, O Lord; I will keep them to the end.  
34 Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart.  
35 Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.  
106 I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey your righteous regulations.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.  
6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Isaiah 48:17 This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.  
18 Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling over you like waves in the sea.

bringing honor to his name

2 Thessalonians 1:11 So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.  
12 Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Psalm 25:11 For the honor of your name, O Lord, forgive my many, many sins.  
12 Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley

I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.

Psalm 34:17 The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

19 The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

Psalm 91:1 Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.

3 For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

4 He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

5 Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me

Rod

Psalm 89:30 But if his descendants forsake my instructions and fail to obey my regulations,

31 if they do not obey my decrees and fail to keep my commands,

32 then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their disobedience with beating.

33 But I will never stop loving him nor fail to keep my promise to him.

Proverbs 13:24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

Staff

Exodus 4:16 Aaron will be your spokesman to the people. He will be your mouthpiece, and you will stand in the place of God for him, telling him what to say.

17 And take your shepherd's staff with you, and use it to perform the miraculous signs I have shown you."

20 So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey, and headed back to the land of Egypt. In his hand he carried the staff of God.

1 Samuel 17:40 He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.