

**Our Good Shepherd**  
**Psalm 23**  
**A Psalm of David**

**The Lord (vs.1)**

- The Lord - YHWH Self-existent, Eternal. (Exodus 3:14-15)
- This is His name forever!

**Is my shepherd (vs.1)**

- It is a declaration of claim.  
(Genesis 48:15; Psalm 78:52, 53; Ezekiel 34:11-16)
  - the sheep belong to the shepherd.
  - the shepherd belongs to the sheep.
- The shepherd provides.
  - MY ruler
  - MY companion
  - MY care-taker
  - MY provider
  - MY keeper
  - MY rescuer
- The shepherd is everything for his sheep.

**I lack nothing (vs.1)**

- Because He provides all that I need. (Isaiah 55:1-3; Matthew 11:28-30)
- Because I rely on Him for all I need. (2 Samuel 7:28,29)
  - 2 Samuel 7:28,29 uses three distinct Hebrew words to describe God.
  - YHWH – self-existing, eternal
  - Adonai – MY YHWH or My Lord (belonging)
  - Elohim – Great and Mighty God

*How does this guide our thinking of Psalms 23:1?*

*Philippians 4:19*

**God is our Good Shepherd**

- He provided for our lives.
  - by giving us His only Son, Jesus Christ (John 10:14-15, 27-30)
  - by giving us His Holy Spirit (John 14:25,26)
  - by giving us the Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16,17)