

The Lord is My Shephard; to Feed, Guide, and Shield Me, I Shall Not Want

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As a result of being homebound due to the current pandemic I have been led to read Psalm 23 and Psalm 91 everyday, which happens to be my two favorite psalms.

Psalm 23 is special to me because as a child in public grammar school every morning before class started, along with the Pledge of Allegiance, we were read a passage from the Bible and would recite the Lord is My Shepherd. Psalm 23 lets us know that the Lord as our Shepherd is always gently leading and guiding us in the right direction. He will take care of all our needs and forever be there to uphold us in times of trouble. This message was very comforting to me as a child.

Psalm 91 speaks to the adult me. This is not such a gentle message. Reading this psalm, I get the sense that God is sending out his shield bearing army to protect us from any harm or danger, such as we are experiencing in the world today. He tells us that no evil shall befall us. God commands the Angels to guide us in all our ways. All we need to do is call and He will always answer.

Each of these psalms gets me through this difficult time in different ways. Knowing that the Lord is my Shepherd calms me and gives me peace. Psalm 91 is titled Security Under Gods Protection. The title sums it all up. Call on God and He will shelter us from all distress with his saving power. We just need to know His name. "Jesus"