

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

THE SHEPHERD PROTECTS US
2 SAMUEL 15:1–37; PSALM 23:1–6

Introductory Observations

- 1. Verse 1 and verse 6 form an *inclusio*.**
- 2. The first 3 verses refer to God in the more detached 3rd Person, “He”. The NEXT 2 verses refer to God in the more direct and personal 2nd Person, “You”.**
- 3. Moves from understanding God, His protection and provision, to confidence in the crisis.**

Introductory Observations

- 4. The focus is confidence in the sufficiency of God.**
- 5. God provides rest, refreshment, restoration from the anxieties and fears of life.**
- 6. The Lord is a Shepherd, verses 1–4; then the Lord is a Host, verse 5; then in the final conclusion, He is the center of worship in the sanctuary, the House of the Lord.**

Six Affirmations of Confidence

- 1. YHWH, My Shepherd**
- 2. I have no lack, I need nothing, I have no needs**
- 3. He makes me lie down in green pastures**
- 4. He leads me beside the still water**
- 5. He restores my soul**
- 6. He guides me in the path of righteousness for His names' sake**

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**-רעה *ra'ah* qal part masc sing constr
to shepherd, pasture, feeder.
“The Lord is my Feeder”**

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What the Bible Teaches About *Sheep*



1. A sheep has no sense of direction.

Believers have no sense of direction, must rely upon the Shepherd to guide them.

Prov. 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

Prov. 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

2. A sheep cannot cleanse himself.

God the Father provides cleansing through the blood (death) of the Lamb.

1 John 1:7, “... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

3. A sheep is helpless when injured.

We are injured by sin, by the adversities of life, and by our own bad decisions. Only our Shepherd can provide recovery.

Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”

4. A sheep cannot protect himself.

John 10:14, “I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

John 10:15, “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

5. A sheep cannot find food or water on his own.

John 21:15, “He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Feed My lambs.’”

John 21:16, “He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Tend My sheep.’”

John 21:17, “And he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed My sheep.’ ””

6. A sheep is easily frightened or panicked.

Isa. 40:11, “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.”

Psa. 23:1, “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

רָסַח *chaser*

**qal imperf 1 com sing
to lack, decrease, need
“I have no need.”**

With God we lack nothing.

Ex. 16:18, “So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one’s need.”

**Psa. 23:2, “He makes me to lie down in
green pastures; He leads me beside the
still waters.”**

An Extended Metaphor

1. A Shepherd leads.

to lie down in green pastures

רָבַח *rāḇaḥ*: A verb meaning to lie down, to rest; to lay something down.

Gen. 4:7, “sin lying, crouching, at the door”

Isa. 14:30, “The firstborn of the poor will feed, and the needy will lie down in safety; I will kill your roots with famine, and it will slay your remnant.”

An Extended Metaphor

1. A Shepherd leads.

He leads me beside the still waters.

לְנַהֵל *nāhal* v. meaning to lead, to guide,
to move along

An Extended Metaphor

1. A Shepherd leads.
He restores my soul.

שׁוּב *šûb* polel impf. v. meaning to turn, to return, to go back, to do again, to change, to withdraw, to bring back, to reestablish, to be returned, to bring back, to take, to restore, to recompense, to answer, to hinder

An Extended Metaphor

1. A Shepherd leads.

He leads me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.

-נחה 1 *nachah* hif imperf 3 masc sing

to lead, to guide, usually in the right
direction or on the proper path

Psa. 31:3, “For You are my rock and my fortress; For Your name’s sake You will lead me and guide me.”

Psa. 17:5, “My steps have held fast to Your paths. My feet have not slipped.”

Psa. 65:11, “You have crowned the year with Your bounty, and Your paths drip with fatness.”

Psa. 23:4, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

**Mic. 7:14, “Shepherd Your people with
Your staff, the flock of Your heritage, who
dwell solitarily in a woodland, in the midst
of Carmel; Let them feed in Bashan and
Gilead, as in days of old.”**

**Psa. 23:5, “You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.”**

Psa. 23:6, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

**-טוֹב 1 *tov* masc sing abs
pleasant, good**

**-חֶסֶד 2 *chesed* comm masc sing
abs lovingkindness; faithful
love, covenant loyal love**