

Meet the Shepherd – Psalm 23

Charles Spurgeon on Psalm 23:

- “It is David's Heavenly Pastoral; a surpassing ode, which none of the daughters of music can excel. The clarion of war here gives place to the pipe of peace, and he who so lately bewailed the woes of the Shepherd tunefully rehearses the joys of the flock....
- The position of this psalm is worthy of notice. It follows the twenty-second, which is peculiarly the Psalm of the Cross. There are no green pastures, no still waters on the other side of the twenty-second psalm. It is only after we have read, ‘My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?’ that we come to ‘The Lord is my Shepherd.’ We must by experience know the value of blood-shedding, and see the sword awakened against the Shepherd, before we shall be able truly to know the Sweetness of the good Shepherd's care.”

Psalm 22	Psalm 23	Psalm 24
The Cross	The Crook (Shepherd's)	The Crown
Good Shepherd John 10:11	Great Shepherd Hebrews 13:20	Chief Shepherd 1 Peter 5:4
Savior Suffering	Satisfier Serving	Sovereign Subduing
Lamb	Leader	Lion
Dying	Living	Ruling
Tree	Table	Throne
Priest	Prophet	King

Psalm 23 Chiasm

- **A) Yahweh** is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
 - **B')** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 - **C)** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 - **D) I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**
 - **C')** your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 - **B')** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- **A')** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of **Yahweh** forever.