

The Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint

my head with oil; my cup
overflows. Surely
goodness and love
[mercy] will follow me all
the days of my life, and I
will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever. —Psalm 23 New
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