

# Ps 23 – God’s Acts of Love & Attributes

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GOD’S ACTS OF LOVE & ATTRIBUTES	OUR RESPONSE & OUTCOME “I shall . . .”
<p>1 The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. (Amp)</p>	
<p><b>SHEPHERDS US</b> (ra’ah / Strong’s H7462 – to pasture, tend, graze, also means to be our companion, delight in, our special friend; Jehovah Ro’l means “God will see to it”)</p> <p><b>Jehovah Ro’i THE LORD MY SHEPHERD</b> <b>Jehovah Yireh THE LORD MY PROVIDER</b></p>	<p><b>LACK NOTHING</b> (Lo echsar - "I shall not lack" / Strong’s H2637)</p>
<p>2 He lets [makes] me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters.</p>	
<p><b>STILLS US</b> (al-mei menuchot / Strong’s H4496, resting place) <b>LEADS US</b> (na’al H5095 - to lead, give rest, lead with care, guide to a watering place or station, cause to rest, bring to a station or place of rest, guide, refresh)</p> <p><b>Jehovah Shalom THE LORD MY PEACE</b></p>	<p><b>LIE DOWN &amp; REST</b> (râbats, raw-bats’ H7257 - to crouch on all four legs folded, like a recumbent animal) <b>BE IN GREEN PASTURES</b> (na’ah H4999– abode of the shepherd) <b>BE BESIDES STILL WATERS</b> (still=mënuwchah H4496 – resting place)</p>
<p>3 He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.</p>	
<p><b>RESTORES US</b> (shuwb H7725 – to return, turn back) As the Good Shepherd, the LORD calls His sheep back to the right path. Ultimately, this turning of the soul is healing, and evokes the Name of God</p> <p><b>Jehovah Rof’ekha (Rapha) - The LORD MY HEALER</b></p> <p><b>GUIDES US</b> (nachah H5248 – lead, guide, govern) On a track (ve-ma’gelei-tzedek uses the construct form of (ma’gal), a sort of track or entrenchment created by cattle being driven by a shepherd)</p> <p><b>Jehovah Tzidkeinu THE LORD MY RIGHTEOUSNESS</b></p>	<p><b>BE SOUL REFRESHED</b> (nephesh H5315 – living being, seat of emotions) <b>BE HEALED</b> (shuwb H7725 – returned back) <b>BE ON THE RIGHT TRACK</b> (ma`gal H4570 – entrenched track, used of course of action) following God’s path</p>
<p>4 Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death [deep darkness], I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] &amp; Your staff [to guide], they comfort &amp; console me.</p>	
<p><b>PARTNERS WITH US</b> <b>FREES US FROM FEAR</b> (Even though we might walk within gay’ H1516 – valley, a steep valley, narrow gorge, and tsalmaveth H6757 - a death-like valley of shrouded darkness, God's sheep can say, "I will fear no evil," for our God is . . .)</p> <p><b>Jehovah Shammah, THE LORD IS PRESENT</b> <b>Jehovah Tzeva’ot, THE LORD OF THE ARMIES OF</b></p>	<p><b>FEAR NO EVIL</b> (fear - yare’ H3372, evil - ra’ H7451) <b>HAVE GOD WITH ME</b> (Shammah-God is present) <b>BE COMFORTED</b> [Good Shepherd's rod (shebet H7626 – branch, scepter/mark of authority, literally a stick to strike) and staff (mish`enah H4938 – support of every kind)</p>

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<b>HEAVEN</b>	comforts and consoles, even in sorrow)
5 You <b>prepare</b> a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have <b>anointed</b> and refreshed my head with oil; My <b>cup overflows</b> .	
<p><b>PREPARES US</b> ('arak H6186 - to set in a row, i.e. arrange, put in order (in a very wide variety of applications):—put (set) (the battle, self) in array, compare, direct, equal, esteem, estimate, expert (in war), furnish, handle, join (battle), ordain, (lay, put, reckon up, set) (in) order, prepare)</p> <p><b>ANOINTS US</b> (dashen H1878 - to be fat, grow fat, become fat, satisfied, become prosperous, anoint; shemen H8081 – oil, as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively, richness: anointing, fruitful, oil(-ed), ointment, pine)</p> <p><b>EQUIPS US FOR THE BATTLE &amp; VICTORY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jehovah nissi, THE LORD MY BANNER OF VICTORY or THE LORD MY MIRACLE</b></p> <p>The Hebrew word (nes-origin of nissi) was a triangular banner of an army unit or tribe. Nes also can refer to a miracle, as in <i>nes gadol hayah sham</i>, "a great miracle occurred there."</p>	<p><b>BE PREPARED</b> (table -shulchan H7979) God prepares a table, a plan, strategy and gives us all we need and more <u>in front of our enemies</u> (i.e., those who cause the followers of the LORD grief).</p> <p><b>HAVE RUNNING-OVER ABUNDANCE</b> (abundance - revayah H7310 – overflowing heart and life)</p>
6 Surely <b>goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me</b> all the days of my life, <b>And I shall dwell forever</b> [throughout all my days] in the house and <b>in the presence of the Lord</b> .	
<p><b>PURSUES US WITH HIS GOODNESS &amp; LOVING MERCY</b> (goodness <i>towb</i> H2896 - good, a good or good thing, a good man or woman; the good, goods or good things, good men or women); mercy <i>checed</i> H2617 - goodness, loving-kindness, faithfulness)</p> <p><b>GIVES US HIMSELF THROUGHOUT OUR LIFETIME &amp; ETERNITY</b> (dwell <i>yashab</i> H3427 - to dwell, remain, sit down/specifically as a judge, abide, stay, to be set; house <i>bayith</i> H1004 – dwelling habitation, from <i>banah</i> H1129 to build; Lord <i>Yehovah</i> H3068 - Jehovah = "the existing One," the proper name of the one true God; physical length <i>orek</i> H753 plus length or division of time <i>yowm</i> H3117 – day, year, life, continually)</p>	<p><b>HAVE GOD'S GOODNESS &amp; LOVING KINDNESS/MERCY PURSUE ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE</b> – pursue <i>radaph</i> H7291 - to pursue ardently, aim eagerly to secure, pursue) the Good Shepherd is relentless in His care and love for His sheep. God will haunt His followers with the truth of His goodness and unfailing love all the days of their lives.</p> <p><b>LIVE WITH GOD NOW &amp; FOREVER</b> (live/alive <i>chay</i> H2416; day <i>yowm</i> H3117 – days=lifetime)</p>
<p><b>With God's twelve (12) Acts of Love prevailing in your life, you are Complete in Christ.</b></p> <p><b>With God's eight (8) Attributes present in your daily life, every morning becomes a miracle of New Beginnings.</b></p>	