

## **Scripture reading :**

### **Psalms 23**

- 1 Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I do not fear evil, for you are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of my adversaries; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of Jehovah for the length of my days.

**The Eight Ways**

**By Which**

**God**

**Shepherds**

**Man**

## Outline:

### I. God is Man's Shepherd

1. Man is created by God – Psa 100:3a “Know that it is Jehovah who is God; It is He who has made us and not we ourselves.”
2. Man belongs to God – Psa 100:3b “We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.”
3. Man is lost and has gone astray – Matt. 28:11-12 “For the Son of Man has come to save that which is lost.... any man...goes astray”.

### II. Man lacks nothing in God – Psa 23:1 “Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.”

Psa 34:10 “The young lions hunger and starve, But those who seek Jehovah will not lack any good thing.”

Psa 16:2 “I say to Jehovah, You are my Lord; No good have I beyond You;”

1. Shepherding from within – Psa 23:3a “He restores my soul” Titus 3:5 “He saved us, , through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit”
2. Shepherding from without – Psa 23:3b “He guides me on the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.” Titus 3:7 “having been justified by His grace”
3. Shepherding from above – Psa 23:5b “You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.” Titus 3:6 “Whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior”
4. Shepherding from below – Psa 23:2 “He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of

rest.” John 6:35 “he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.”

5. Shepherding from the right – Psa 23:4a “Even though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death, I do not fear evil, For You are with me” Isa. 41:13 “For I am Jehovah your God, Who takes hold of your right hand, Who says to you, Do not be afraid; I will help you.”
6. Shepherding from the left – Psa 23:4b “Your rod and Your staff, They comfort me.” Matt 28:20 “I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.”
7. Shepherding from the front – Psa 23:5a “You spread a table before me In the presence of my adversaries” Rom 8:37 “But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.”
8. Shepherding from behind – Psa 23:6a “Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me All the days of my life” Titus 3:4-5 “when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared...He saved us”

### III. The Result of God's Shepherding – Psa 23:6b “I will dwell in the house of Jehovah For the length of my days.”

### IV. The Way to Receive God's Shepherding:

1. To believe – John 1:12 “as many as received Him...believe into His name”
2. To be baptized – Mark 16:16a “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved”