Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want!

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in 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 mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

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This chapter is most frequently used in funerals. In a message by a pastor about walking through the "valley of the shadow of death," the pastor pointed out that a shadow requires there to be LIGHT and an object that blocks that light! With Jesus (who conquered death by his resurrection!) as our light, and the object being death, there is no need to fear this shadow!

For a REAL blessing on this Psalm, click on this link and listen to the presentation by <u>The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir</u>. The choir and the tenors singing in this are terrific!!

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