



For further reading: A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm by Phillip Keller - <https://amzn.to/3aRdjOA>

Why did David depict the relationship of God and his people as that of a shepherd and his sheep?

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.
(Psalm 23:4, ESV)

1. To get to the higher elevations, you need to go through the _____.

“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ” (John 7:38, ESV)

2. Because God provides his _____ and _____.

The rod serves as:

a. _____
...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
(Ephesians 6:17, ESV)

b. _____

For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. (Deuteronomy 32:47, ESV)

c. _____

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23–24, ESV)

What is the main use of the staff?

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalm 23:5, ESV)

3. Because Jesus goes _____.

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (Hebrews 2:18, ESV)

“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”
(John 14:2, ESV)

4. Because God offers _____.

5. Because God is the _____.

The oil serves to:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” (Luke 13:24, ESV)

“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” (John 10:9, ESV)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23:6, ESV)

6. Because there is _____ in every day.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22–23, ESV)

7. Because we leave a lasting _____ when we follow the Shepherd.

8. Because the _____ is never

_____.