

Psalm 23 (NRSV Updated Edition)

The Divine Shepherd ~ A Psalm of David

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]

for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.^[g]

1 Peter 1:22-25

²²Now that you have purified your souls^[a] by your obedience to the truth^[b] so that you have genuine mutual

affection, love one another deeply from the heart.^[c] ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of

imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.^[d] ²⁴For

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

That word is the good news that was announced to you.
