



Exploring Psalm 23

Lesson #2

Psalm 23:2-3

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

What else our Good and Great Shepherd does for us, His sheep?

He _____ us (v.2)...

What? _____...

Where? in _____...

Why? for _____ (spiritual)...

So...

How does God **MAKE** us lie down?

By creating, in us, a _____ for the "food" ...His Word.

Matt. 5:6, Deut. 8:3b, Ps. 19:9b-10, Ezk. 36:26-27...also Ps. 119:28 & 50

"Lying down" takes _____.

But the feeding in the green pastures is also accompanied by vital, liquid refreshment as well...

He _____ us. (v.2)

Where? Beside _____.

Why? For quenching _____ and receiving _____ in an "environment" of calm and safety.

Quiet waters...

That's where our Shepherd will lead us...

John 14:27

We know that, physically, we can't survive without water. The same is true for us spiritually. But listen to what Jesus says about **the _____ of the water** He leads us to... that **He** supplies to us...

John 4:7-14

John 7:37-39

➤ **Something to always remember about Jesus, our Good Shepherd...**

His often-repeated command.... something that is vital for His sheep to do... He would consistently say these two words:

_____! He spoke those words to Matthew at his tax booth... to Philip in Galilee... to Peter on the beach after His resurrection... to anyone who would come after Him as His disciple.

Follow Him and never stray from Him. Stay close to Him. Never lose contact with Him.

He _____ us. (v.3a)

What? _____

Why? Because, at times, we do _____ away from His flock... from His path, at times, and we need Him to come after us and bring us back.

The word "**restore**" (*kadash*) means "to _____, to _____, _____."

Jesus' restoration of Peter... His soul and to his ministry.

John 21:15-17

Of course, the Lord also restored David after his sin with Bathsheba...

His means of restoration... His _____

Psalms 19:7

The powerful impact of the Word of God...

2 Timothy 3:16-17...

It's David's prayer in Psalm 51:12...

The result of being restored to the Lord... having His joy restored to us... is _____

Nehemiah 8:10b

He _____ us. (v.3)

Where? In paths of _____ (the right way to go)

Why? For His _____ sake (His Great Purpose)

Paths of Righteousness...

2 Samuel 11... David's Unrighteous Path

— (Goliath Lesson #3) —

(For Lesson #4)

It is for _____ Name's Sake...

1 Samuel 17... The Lord's Righteous Path for David vs. Goliath

- Goliath was mocking God.
- David was sent by his father (and his God) to the battle front.
- David heard Goliath's blasphemy with his own ears.
- David was vexed in his heart with this blasphemy.
- The Satanic diversion from the righteous path.
- David stayed on God's righteous path.

* The Path of Righteousness is always a path of _____... trusting _____!

- David went for the sake of God's Name.

The impact of following God's path *for His Name's sake*... God's _____ through God's deliverance (vv. 46-47).

So... our **LORD** leads us on righteous paths in order to bring glory and honor to _____. **He** is on display through us... that's what His **Name** is all about. **His NAME is who He is**... His character and reputation are at stake in us. We should not want to shame Him in any way, only bring glory to His NAME! That which most _____ Christ is what works for our greatest good. Remember that!!

Our Shepherd leads us in paths of righteousness... **FOR HIS NAME'S**

SAKE.

Let's walk those paths for Him! It will be what's best for us!

[Answers: makes, lie down, green pastures, nourishment, hunger, time, leads, quiet waters, thirst, cleansing, Follow Me, restores, my soul, stray, turn back, return, repair, renew, Word, strength, guides, righteousness, Name's, His, trust, God, glory, Himself, glorifies]