



Resting in Confidence.

Psalm 23



I. We Can Rest in Confidence During Difficult Days Because We Know that God is Good vv. 1-3.



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

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

A. Because God is good, He restores His children's souls. Making us like new again.

B. God's goodness to us is to advance His fame not ours.

C. When you don't know what to do, look to God to lead you in the path of righteousness, not necessarily the path of easiness.

II. We Can Rest in Confidence During Difficult Days Because We Know that God is Present vv. 4-5.

⁴ 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.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.



- A. David remains confident even when surrounded by evil because he knows that God is with him.
- B. When we know the Lord is present it gives us confidence.
- C. The Lord guides us through the Scriptures, the Church, and the Holy Spirit.

III. We Can Rest in Confidence During Difficult Days Because We Know that God is Gracious vv. 6.



⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

- A. David is confident because the Lord prepares a bountiful table before him in full sight of his enemies.
- B. The Lord anoints his head with oil like a host would at a banquet.
- C. If you have trusted in Jesus for salvation, then you can trust Him for tomorrow.



IV. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. John 10:11-18.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

IV. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. John 10:11-18.

¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”