

Psalm 23
“I Shall Not Want”
The Psalm of a Grateful Heart
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*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leads me beside still waters.
 He restores my soul;
 He leads me in the paths of righteousness for
 His name's sake.
 Yea, 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 runs over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life;
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
 Forever.*

1) The psalmist says, “I shall not want,” but I do _____.

- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. *1 Timothy 6:10*
- And he said, “This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. *Luke 12:18*
- But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. *Matthew 6:33*

2) I have _____ that I _____.

- My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*
- He rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. Mortals ate of the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance. *Psalm 78:24,25*

3) We long for a _____ called _____, and the _____ provides it.

- At the home of Lazarus, Jesus often found rest. ... [O]ften, when weary, thirsting for human fellowship, He had been glad to escape to this peaceful household, away from the suspicion and jealousy of the angry Pharisees. Here he found a sincere welcome, and pure, holy friendship. Here He could speak with simplicity and perfect freedom, knowing that His words would be understood and treasured. *Ellen White, Desire of Ages, page 524.*
- Now there came a day when Elisha passed over to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman, and she persuaded him to eat food. And so it was, as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat food. And she said to her husband, “Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God passing by us continually. Please, let us make a little walled upper chamber and let us set a bed for him there, and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he can turn in there.” *2 Kings 4:8-10*
- In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am you may be also. *John 14:2,3*