

THE GREAT SCRIPTURES: "PSALM 23"

What is the valley of death? Why do I need "still water"? The 23rd psalm has been for many Christians the anchor of faith. This sermon will take it apart into its component parts to seek its richness and depth for a person's relationship to God.

First Step	Sermon Notes
Psalm 23 (Sermon Text) Revelation 7:17	
Step In	
Reflect on what you know about shepherds. What are a shepherd's main tasks? How did the sermon address the privileges and benefits of being shepherded by God?	
Step Up	
Think of a time when life was not going smoothly and you were in "rough waters." How did you feel? How did you solve the problem? Sheep will not drink from rough or moving water because they fear their wool may become saturated, and they would sink and drown. How must we live in order to trust that we can journey through strife and yet remain calm beside the "deep, still waters" of God's care trusting that we are never alone.	
Step Out	
The Valley of Shadow of Death was a winding and dangerous road between Jericho and Jerusalem that was often beset with thieves. Shepherds had to carefully guide the sheep through the passage. Like a shepherd, God watches over us while we go through dangerous territory and takes away our fear. What are some of the perils of life that have been a Valley of Death from which God has protected and delivered me? How has this affected my relationship with God and others?	