

A Few Famous Psalms

Psalm 23

The great provision of Yahweh

* Yahweh is the Shepherd. I am the sheep. He takes care of me, and all of my needs are met.

His activities as my Shepherd

1. “He makes me lie down in green pastures.”
He provides a lush environment for my rest.
2. “He leads me beside still waters.”
He ensures tranquility for my refreshment.

His activities as my Lord

1. “He restores my soul.”
He brings my soul back.
2. “He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”
He walks before me in righteousness, showing me the way, so He may be glorified.

The grateful prayer of David

1. “I will fear no evil”
What is there to be afraid of? “I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.”
Why not be afraid?
 1. I am not alone – “You are with me.”
 2. I am not unarmed – “Your rod and staff, they comfort me.”
2. “My cup overflows” – God provides excessively.
How has God provided?
 1. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”
As my enemies look on, I feast in the provisions of God.
 2. “You anoint my head with oil.”
God has chosen me. (No doubt a statement of spiritual status, not governmental.)

The grand prophecy of the devoted

1. For this life – my days will be marked with God’s goodness and mercy
2. For eternity – I will remain in a state of worship (the house of the Lord).