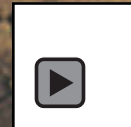


June 18  
Psalm 23

*He restoreth my soul*

Great Psalms Scroll, c. A.D. 30-50  
Found 1956, Qumran, Dead Sea  
*more on this in Psalm 1 presentation*

# The Shepherd



The Lost Sheep, 1898  
by Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)





## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Masterpiece ... seems the default POEM  
for funeral services the world over

Crossing all Christian denominations ...

Comforting ... the mere SIGHT of the words

Spurgeon\* said so eloquently:

What the Nightingale is among birds,  
that is this divine ode among the psalms,  
for it has sung sweetly in the ear of many  
a mourner in his night of weeping, and has  
bidden him hope for a morning of joy.

*To whom does Spurgeon owe for this?*



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\* *Treasury of David*, Psalm 23, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>

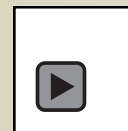
## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

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**The 23rd Psalm is the Nightingale of the Psalms. It is small, of a homely feather, singing shyly out of obscurity;**

**but, oh! it has filled the air of the whole world with melodious joy, greater than the heart can conceive.**

**Blessed be the day on which that Psalm was born!**





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**What would you say of a pilgrim  
commissioned of God to travel up and  
down the earth singing a strange melody,  
which, when one heard, caused him to  
forget whatever sorrows he had?**

**And so the singing angel goes on his way  
through all lands, singing in the language  
of every nation, driving away trouble....**

**Behold just such a one!**





## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Henry Ward Beecher, 1813-87, great American abolitionist as stunning a preacher as Spurgeon, far less prolific in writing, quoted in T.O.D. by Spurgeon:

**It has charmed more griefs to rest than all the philosophy of the world.**

**It has remanded to their dungeon more felon thoughts, more black doubts, more thieving sorrows, than there are sands on the sea-shore....**

**It has sung courage to the army....**

**It has poured balm ... into the heart of the sick, of widows in their pinching griefs, of orphans in their loneliness.**





## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

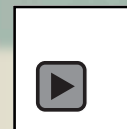
Henry Ward Beecher, 1813-87:

**Dying soldiers have died easier  
as it was read to them....**

**It will go singing to your children and  
my children ... through  
all the generations of time;**

**nor will it fold its wings till the  
last pilgrim is safe, and time ended;**

**and then it shall fly back to the bosom of  
God, whence it issued, and sound on,  
mingled with all those sounds of celestial  
joy which make heaven musical for ever.**





## Psalms – Songs to or about God

1. June 4	The Path	<u><a href="#">1</a></u>	Tree Planted by Streams
2. June 11	The Past	<u><a href="#">78</a></u>	God was Their Rock
★ 3. June 18	The Shepherd	<u><a href="#">23</a></u>	Lord is My Shepherd
4. June 25	Our Response	<u><a href="#">138</a></u>	Gratitude for Keeping Thy Word
5. July 2	His Presence	<u><a href="#">84</a></u>	How Lovely Your House
6. July 9	The Creator	<u><a href="#">95</a></u>	TODAY, if you Hear, Harden Not
7. July 16	God Revealed	<u><a href="#">19</a></u>	Heavens Declare God's Glory
8. July 23	His Love	<u><a href="#">136</a></u>	Love Endures Forever
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10. Aug 6	The Confession	<u><a href="#">51</a></u>	Whiter than Snow
11. Aug 13	The Cleansing	<u><a href="#">32</a></u>	My Hiding Place
12. Aug 20	The Protector	<u><a href="#">141</a></u>	Protect Me from the Trap
13. Aug 27	The Longing	<u><a href="#">42</a></u>	Deep Calls unto Deep





## Theme

God can be trusted since He is always good.

Psalm 23

*The Lord*

1-3 **Provides** – He Restoreth My Soul

4 **Guards** – Valley of the Shadow of Death

5-6 **Hosts** – House of the Lord Forever

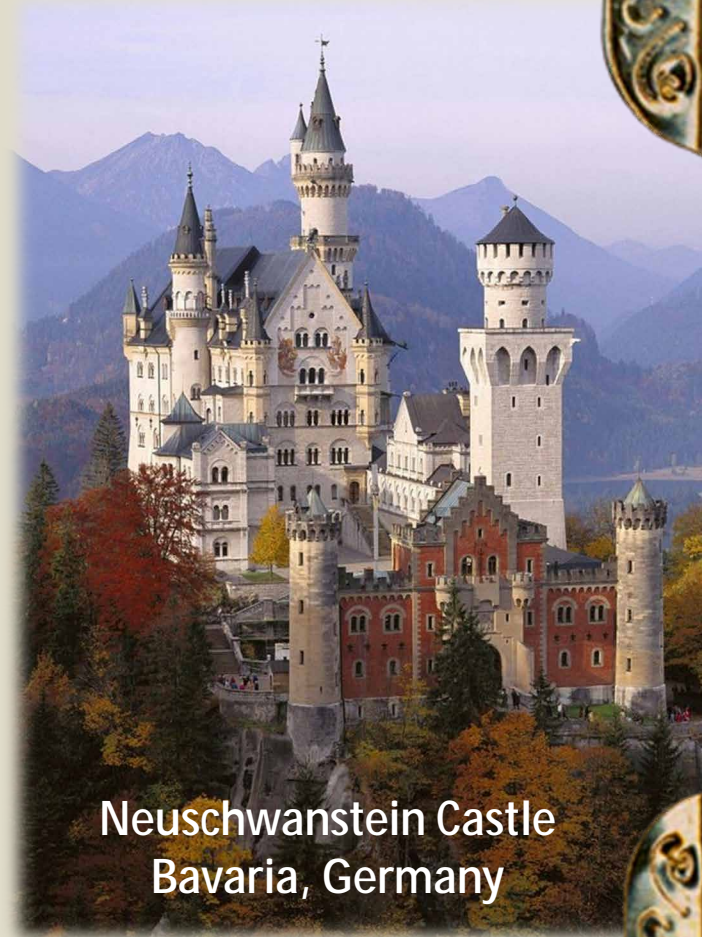
Universal Appeal  
for the CLARITY of its  
Spiritual Encouragement





## Key Verse Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the  
**House of the LORD**  
*forever.*



Neuschwanstein Castle  
Bavaria, Germany



**Neuschwanstein Castle, started 1869**

**Built by Ludwig II (1845-86), d. 41 yrs old**

**Ludwig was 24 ... moved in 1882, 37 yrs old**

**Noy-Shvon-Stein:**

**stein = stone ... shvon = swan ...**

**New Swan Stone**

**used in the movies**

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**

**The Great Escape**

**the inspiration for**

**Disney's Snow White Castle**





# Neuschwanstein Castle

Ludwig revered composer Richard Wagner

Art depicting Wagner's operas *all over dah place*

New Swan Stone

Hall of the Singers

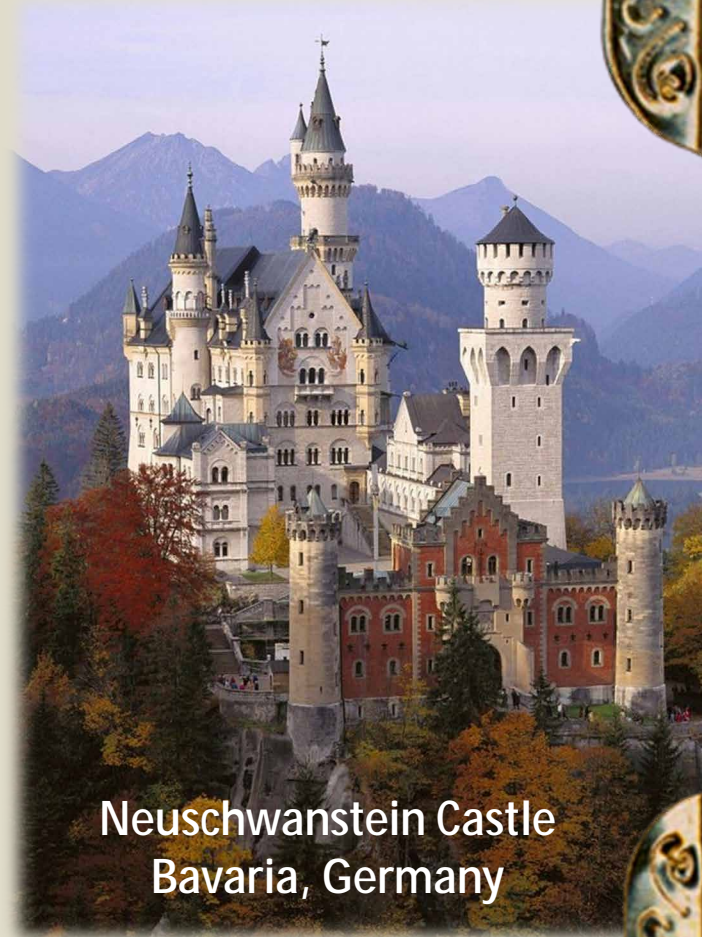
Castle  
dedicated  
to Music





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**Alternate Title**

**Nightingale**

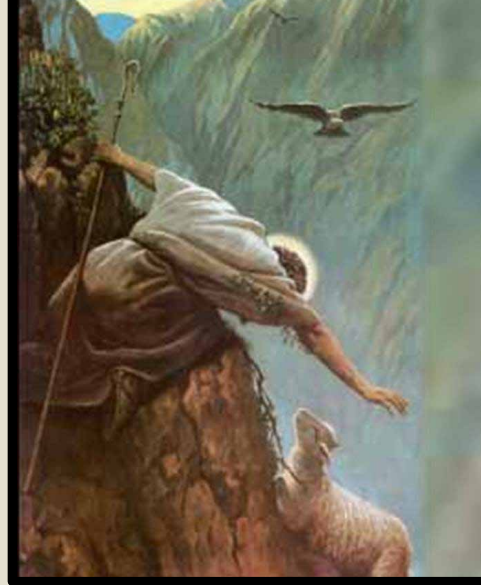
**Among the Psalms**

*courtesy of Henry Ward Beecher & Charles H. Spurgeon*



## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my SHEPHERD; I shall not want.**
- <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**
- <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.**
- <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the House of the LORD for ever.**





## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

**Lost Sheep, or The Good Shepherd, 1898  
by Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)**

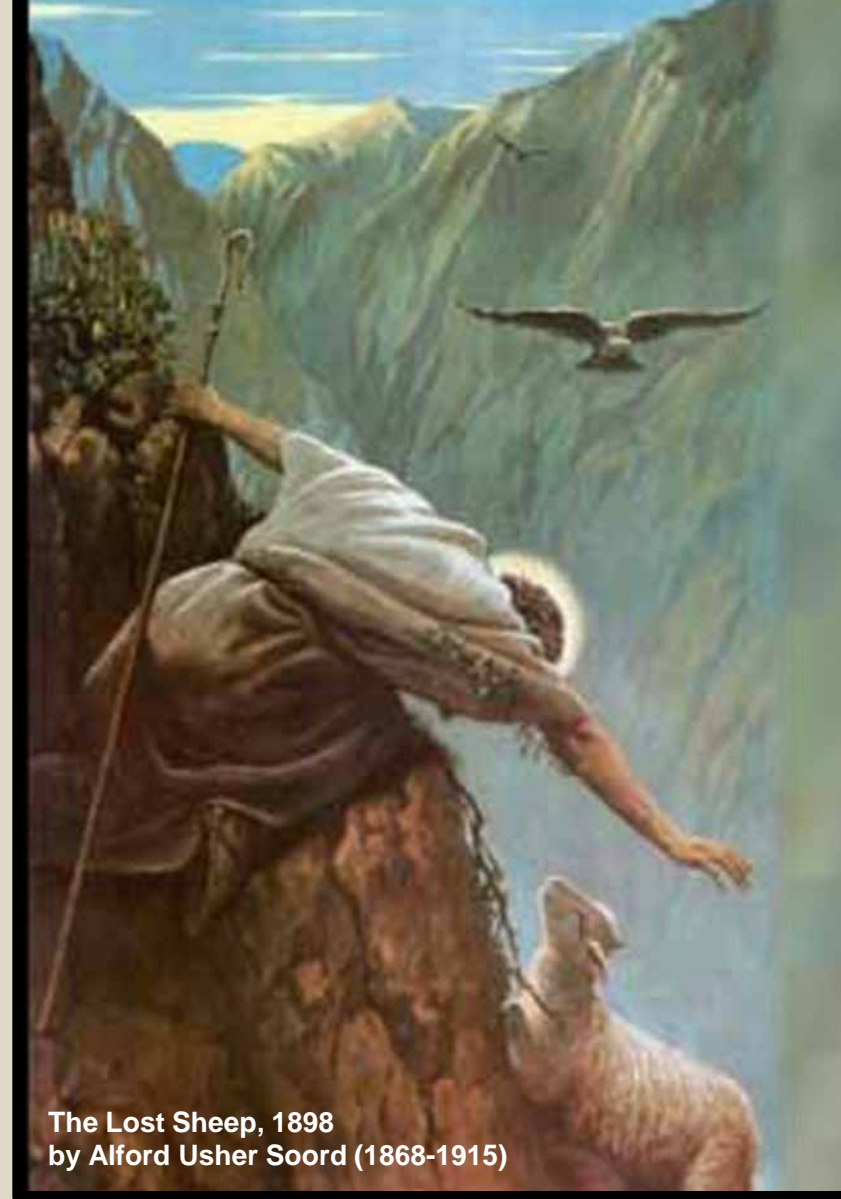
**Soord's most famous ...**

**Shown in 1898 in the Royal Academy**

**By 1916 over 300,000 reproductions sold**

**On Psalm 23, Spurgeon\* said,**

**I will venture to compare it also to the lark,  
which sings as it mounts,  
and mounts as it sings,  
until it is out of sight, and  
even then is not out of hearing....**



The Lost Sheep, 1898  
by Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)

## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Psalm 23 ... is, of course,

A Psalm of David ... several believe authored late in David's life

John I. Durham in the *Broadman Bible Commentary* (1971)  
placed Psalm 23 among the

**Trust in God Psalms** 4, 11, 16, **23**, 27, 62, 132

Another places Psalm 23 among

**Prayers of Trust, Assurance Psalms** 3-5, 11, 12, 16, 20, **23**, 27,  
28, 31, 42, 43, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 61-74, 71, 77, 86, 108, 115,  
118, 121, 125, 131, 138, 141

Psalm 23 ... certainly a **“Trust in God”** Psalm

Yet ... much, much more



## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Spurgeon\* reflecting,

Oh that we may enter into the spirit of the psalm ... then we shall experience the days of heaven upon the earth!

David's Heavenly Pastoral; a surpassing ode, which none of the daughters of music can excel.

The clarion of war here gives place to the pipe of peace, and he who so lately bewailed the woes of the Shepherd tunefully rehearses the joys of the flock.



The Lost Sheep, 1898  
by Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)

## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Spurgeon\* *continuing*

**Sitting under a spreading tree ... we picture David singing this unrivalled pastoral....**

**This is the Pearl of Psalms whose soft and pure radiance delights every eye....**

**Of this delightful song it may be affirmed that its piety and its poetry are equal, its sweetness and its spirituality are unsurpassed.**

**Unsurpassed ... truly ...**



The Lost Sheep, 1898  
by Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)



## 23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The LORD, Yahweh—*YHWH*—is the SHEPHERD

YHWH is translated into English as *LORD* or *Jehovah* ...

The Hebrew here is *Jehovah-Raah* or *Jehovah-Rohi* –

**the LORD my shepherd**

From the very start ... metaphor is CLEAR ... no one misses it

Circa 1000 B.C. ... David reaches back on a common image

We know TODAY what a SHEPHERD is ... everyone does

**1000 B.C.—everyone KNEW a shepherd**

**Most were RELATED to a shepherd**

## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Aahh ... the more you analyze ...

The more you philosophize ...

More you psychologize ...

Very much like a Rembrandt ...

Pick apart the canvas ... color pigments

And the beauty fades ...

What makes Psalm 23 so grand for so many?

Connects EVERY part of life ... to ETERNITY

Touches EVERY part of life ... w/out BURDEN

Its so SMALL ... yet covers ALL of LIFE



The Lost Sheep, 1898  
by Alford Usher Soord (1868-1915)



## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

Every part touches *ETERNITY*

Shepherd ... Eternal God

No Want ... Eternal Rest

Restored Soul ... Eternal Life

Fear of Death ... Eternal Freedom

Art with Me ... Eternal Companionship

Anointed ... Eternal Blessing

Cup Overflow ... Eternal Contentment

Goodness/Mercy ... Eternal Virtue

House of the Lord ... Eternal Security

Every part touches *ETERNITY*



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## Psalm 23 – Lord is my shepherd

### Psalm 23—**The Shepherd's Psalm**

God is referred to as SHEPHERD many times ...

Gen 48:15f ... Joseph brings Ephraim & Manasseh to Jacob

As Jacob blesses them, looking back to Abraham and Isaac, Jacob testifies that

**God who has been my SHEPHERD all my life to this day.**

Jacob Wrestling with the Angel  
c. 1615, by Rembrandt





## 23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd ...

Isaiah follow suit, prophesying a few hundred years after David, c. 740 B.C.

Isaiah 40:10 **See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.**

<sup>11</sup> **He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.**



Isaiah, c. 1508, fresco from the Sistine Chapel ceiling by Michelangelo

## 23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth Me

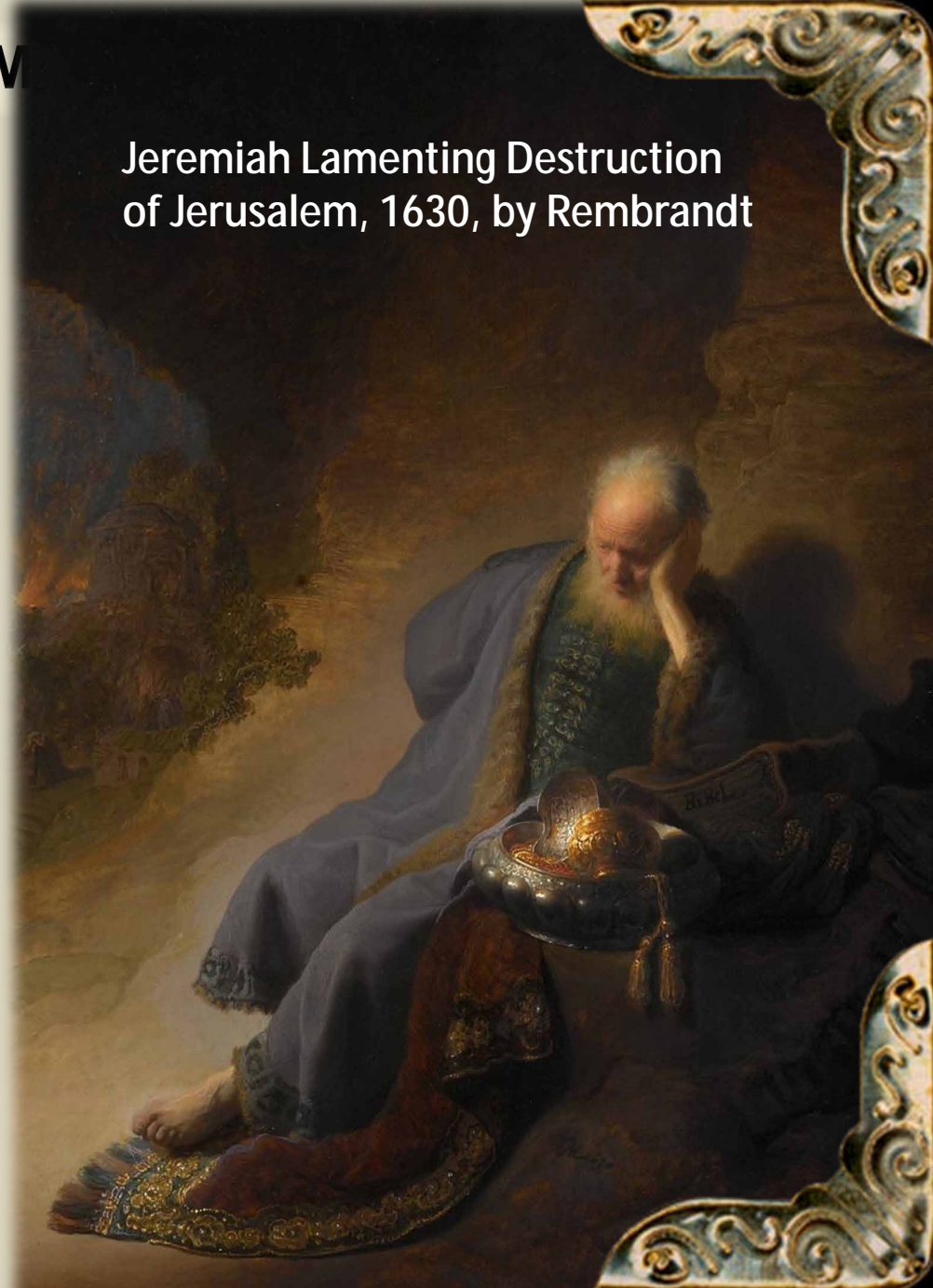
So to Jeremiah follows, prophesying to the captivity, c. 626-586 B.C.

Jeremiah 31:10 “**Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands:**

**‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a SHEPHERD.’”**

**<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a SHEPHERD: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.**

Jeremiah Lamenting Destruction of Jerusalem, 1630, by Rembrandt



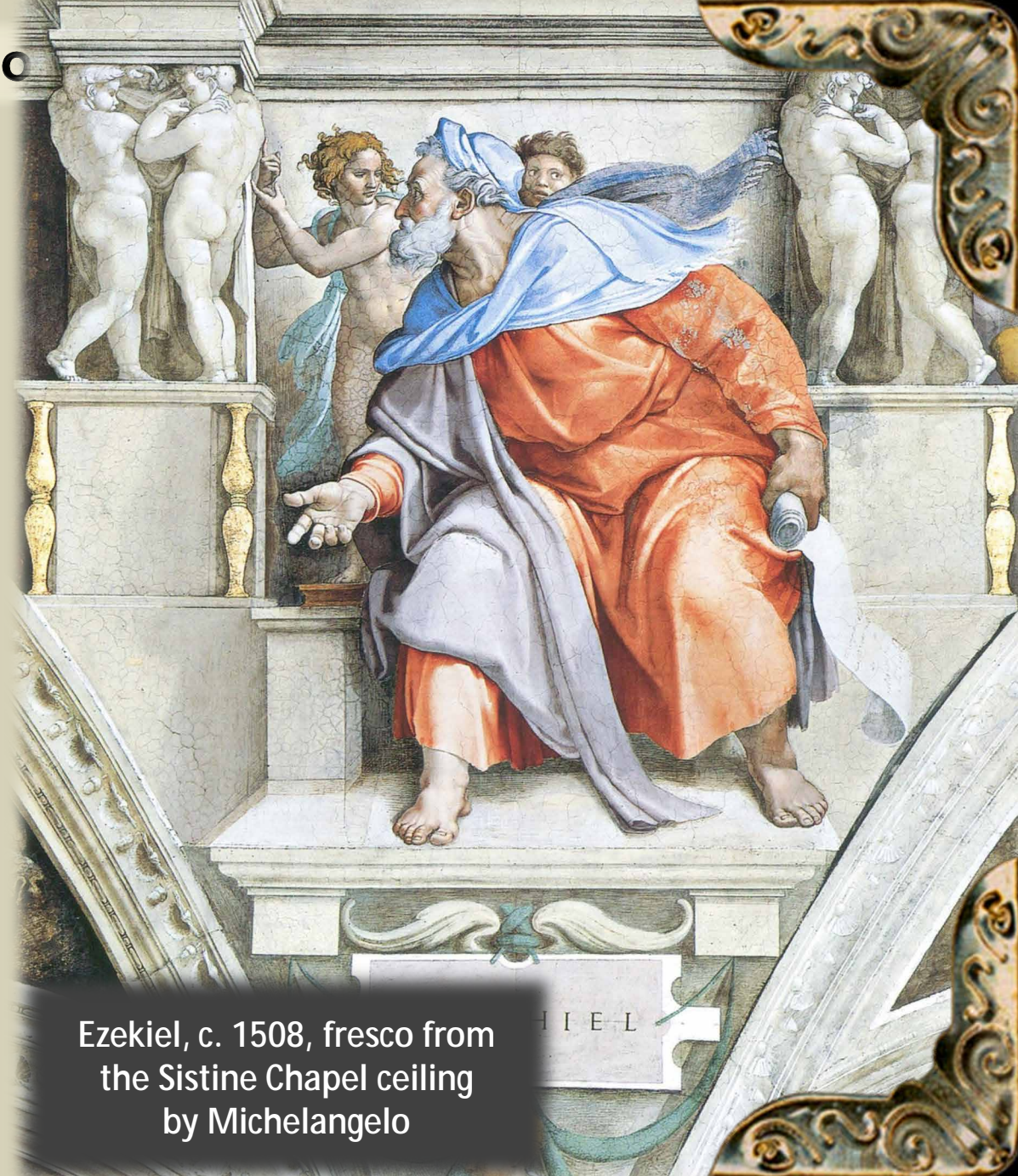


## 23:1-3 Provides – He Resto

Ezekiel tore up bad shepherds in chap 34 at Jerusalem's demise: God becomes the Good Shepherd in vv. 11-24, c. 570 B.C.

<sup>12</sup> As a SHEPHERD looks after his scattered flock ... so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness....

<sup>13</sup> I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.



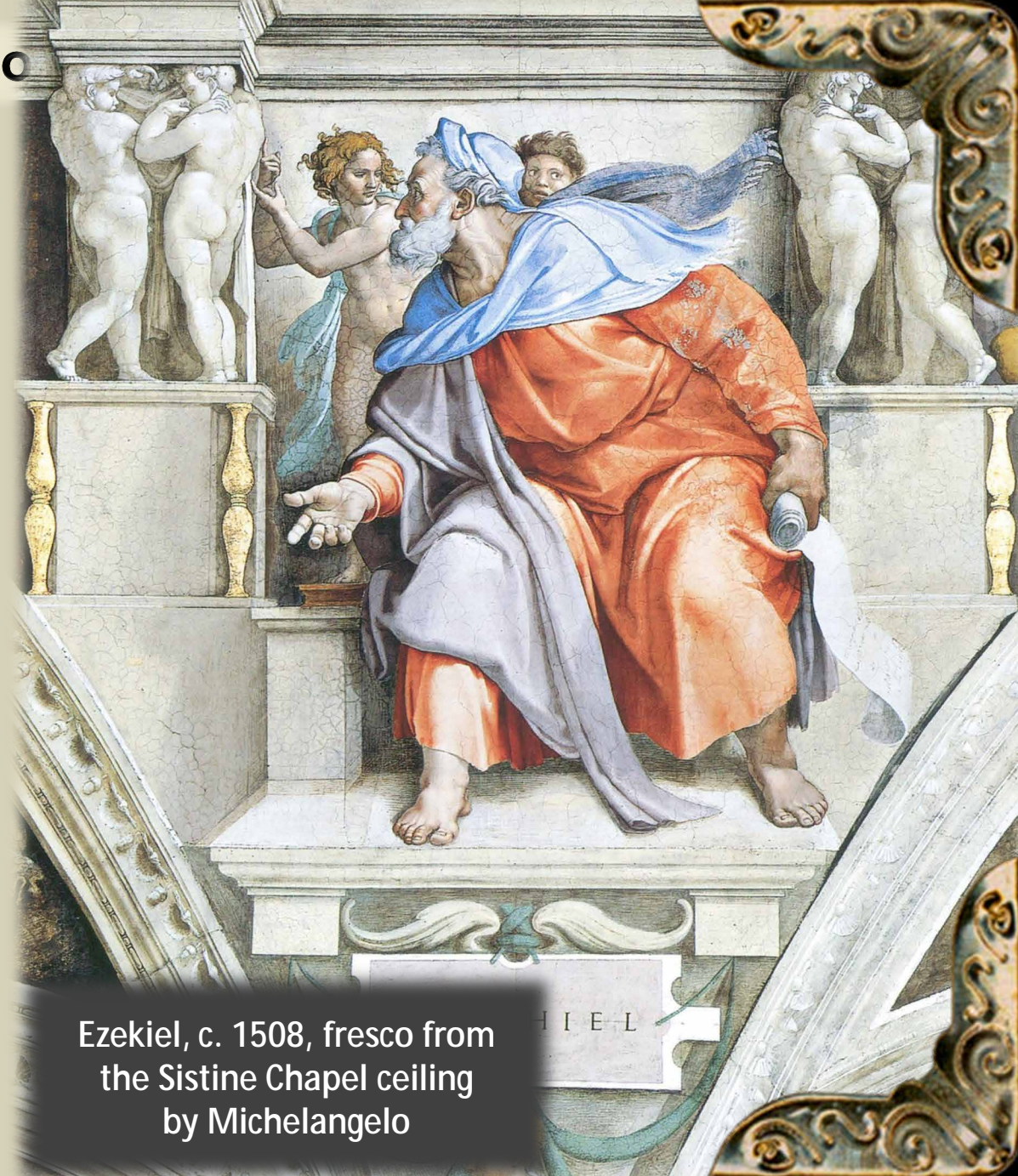
Ezekiel, c. 1508, fresco from the Sistine Chapel ceiling by Michelangelo



## 23:1-3 Provides – He Resto

Ezekiel *continues* ... c. 570 B.C.

- <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land....
- <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.
- <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured....
- and so forth *exquisitely*



Ezekiel, c. 1508, fresco from  
the Sistine Chapel ceiling  
by Michelangelo



## 23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul

Psalm 80, from mighty Asaph leads off:

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, SHEPHERD of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

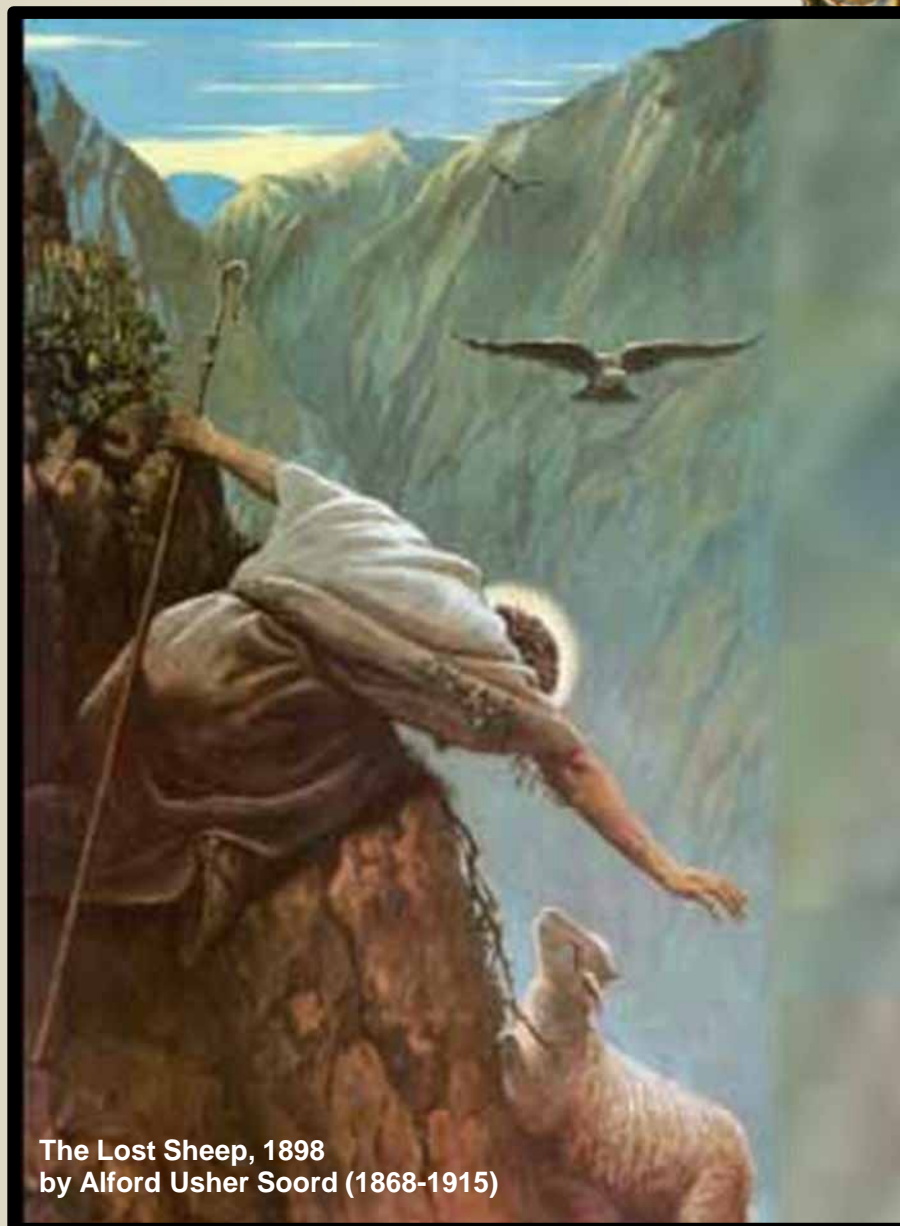
Interestingly, Psalm 80 has an inscription to the Director of Music, saying Psalm 80 is to be done to the tune of

"The Lilies of the Covenant."

Ohh ... oohhh ... I want to KNOW ...

I want to KNOW that tunes of 80 & 23!

*especially of Psalm 23*



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## 23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul

Psalm 95 is even clearer:

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

<sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if only you would hear his voice.

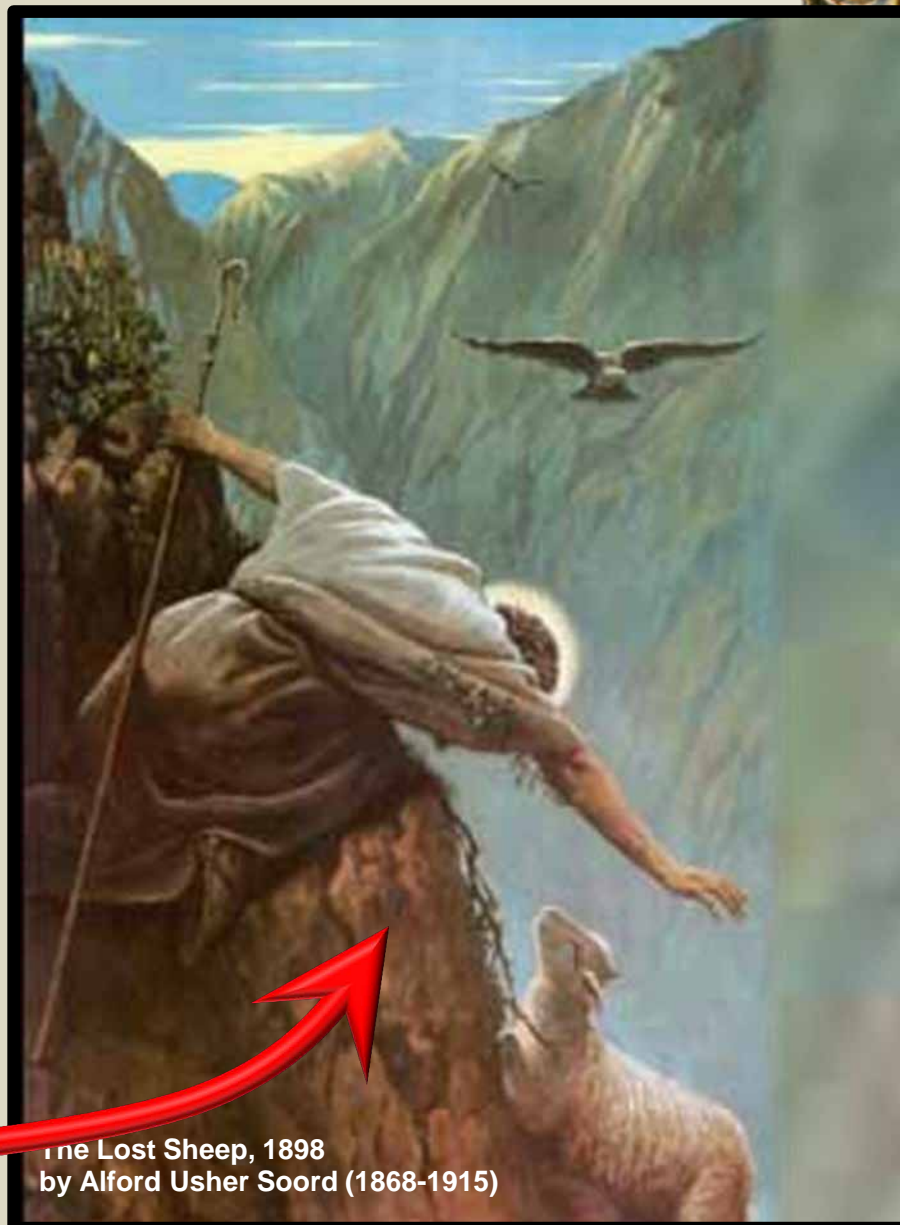
Likewise, today, too ...

LORD, Yahweh—**YHWH**—the Shepherd

The image, metaphor ... the picture

King David knew God ...

God Almighty ... *prefers* to **SHEPHERD**



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## **23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul**

Apostle John tells us of the Good Shepherd 10:1-30

Pharisees, of course, did not understand Jesus

Jesus details thieves & hired hands ...

Jesus is the gate ... then 10:11

**<sup>11</sup> I am the GOOD SHEPHERD. The GOOD SHEPHERD lays down his life for the sheep.**

Jesus has other sheep ... Pharisees go bonkers

**<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me.**

**<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never  
perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.**





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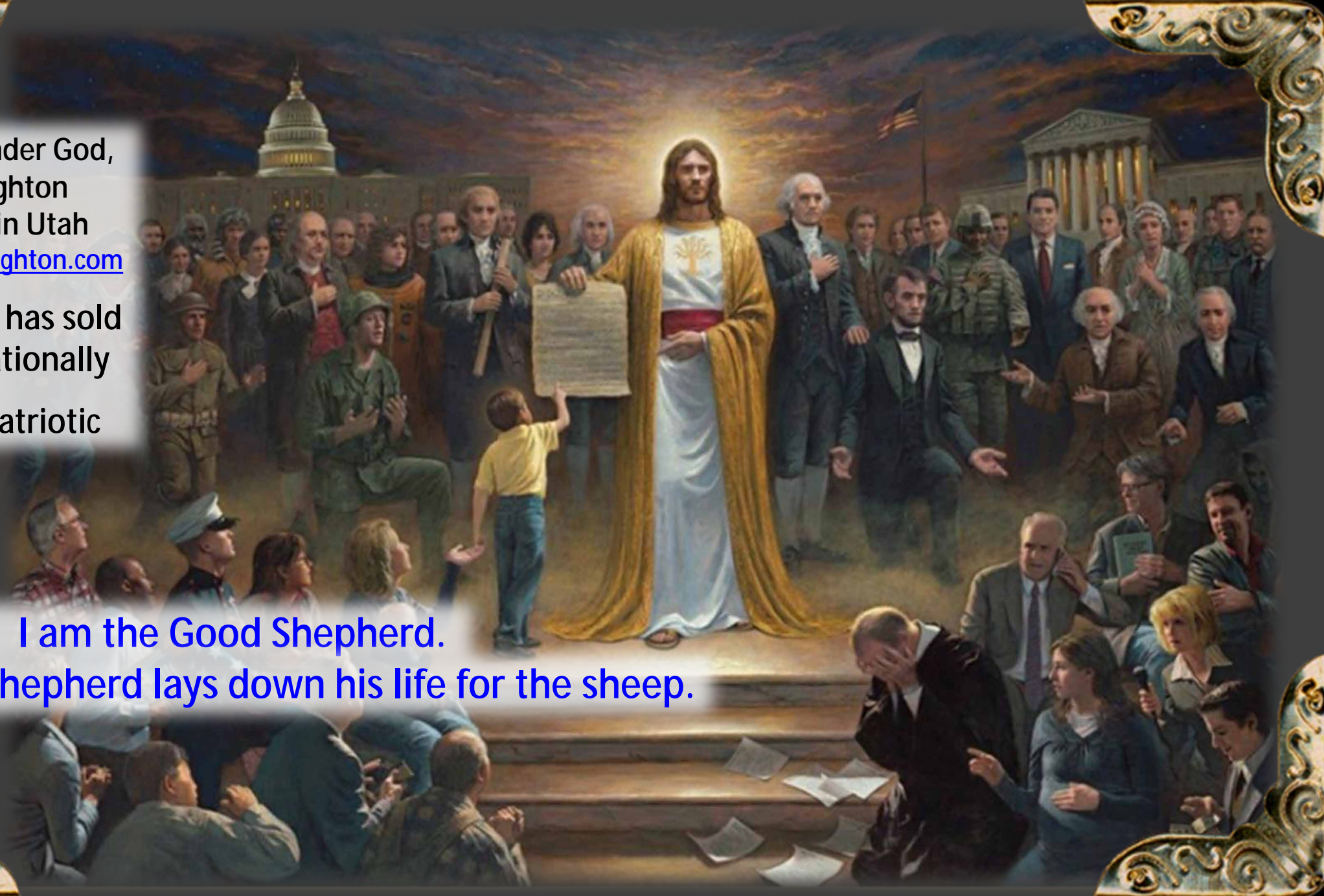




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John 10:11, **I am the Good Shepherd.**  
**The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**





## 23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the *STILL WATERS*.

Spurgeon\* quips,

the Holy Ghost loves peace, and sounds  
no trumpet of ostentation in his operations...



Still waters run deep.  
Nothing more noisy than an empty drum...

He is a dove, not an eagle;  
the dew, not the hurricane.

Psalm 46:10 ... oh my, *SINGS* that already familiar sweet note :

“Be *STILL* and *KNOW* that I am God.”





## **23:1-3 Provides – He Restoreth My Soul**

**<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**From green pastures & still waters to**

**Paths of Righteousness ...**

**How the Shepherd Restores my soul**

**Spurgeon\* said,**

**When the soul grows sorrowful He revives it;  
when it is sinful He sanctifies it;  
when it is weak He strengthens it.**



## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

Then to the valley ...

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.

“Shadow of Death” – is a single word, as in *shadow-death*

Darkest Shadow w Death ... Strongest Hebrew word for Darkness

Job knows something of this: see the same word in Job 16:16, KJV,  
saying so poetically, <sup>16</sup> My face is foul with weeping, and

on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

NIV translating perhaps more literally, but with much less pain,

<sup>16</sup> My face is red with weeping, dark shadows ring my eyes;



## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

**<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ...**

**David could be referring to a PLACE of dire peril**

**A place of danger ... sheep are prone to panic**

**2013 Idaho—two wolves came to a herd sheep**

**176 sheep died ...**

**yet only 10 sheep were killed by the two wolves**

**PANIC caused the sheep to trample each other and most died from suffocation!**



## **23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death**

**<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil ...**

**If ever a man knew the Valley of the Shadow of Death ...**

**I suspect Job knew ... the fullest meaning as any mortal could**

**Once again, the same word the KJV translated in Job 28:3,**

**<sup>3</sup> He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.**

**Yet alone, that verse in Job confounds ... confuses ...**

**Look at the larger context of Job 28:1-4 in NIV**

**Feel the burn ... touch the heat ... know the dread of fear**





## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

Job 28:1-4 ... Job opens as we humans search, search ...

<sup>1</sup> There is a mine for silver and a place where gold is refined.

<sup>2</sup> Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ore.

<sup>3</sup> Mortals put an end to the darkness; they search out the farthest recesses for ORE in the *BLACKEST DARKNESS*. [shadow of death?]

<sup>4</sup> Far from human dwellings they cut a shaft, in places untouched by human feet; far from other people they dangle and sway.

Miles Coverdale, 1st to translate entire Bible into English in 1535, rendered last of v. 3: "*The stones, the dark, and the horrible shadow.*"

Job 28:1-28—Job composes 28 verses of splendid poetry ...

**on humankind's search for WISDOM**

## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

Job 28 goes on to define “mining” into the darkness ...

<sup>20</sup> Where then does wisdom come from?

Where does understanding dwell?

<sup>21</sup> It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing,  
concealed even from the birds in the sky.

<sup>23-24</sup> God understands the way to it and he alone knows  
where it dwells, for he views the ends of the earth  
and sees everything under the heavens.

We search for riches with great dangerous effort ... into the dark pit

But wisdom still alludes us ...

Oohhhh ... we cannot stop there ... Job *KNOWS*





## **23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death**

**23-24 God understands the way ...  
God sees everything under the heavens.**

**25-26 When he established the force of the wind and  
measured out the waters, when he made a decree  
for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm,**

**27 then he looked at wisdom and appraised it;  
he confirmed it and tested it.**

**28 And he said to the human race, “The fear of the Lord—  
that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.”**

**If you and I want to understand WISDOM ... see Master Job  
Shadow of Death ... see Job ... there is NO UNDERSTANDING**

**No Understanding DEATH without God**



## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

Now look at 23:4

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.

DARKEST Shadow of Death ... no Miner can reach or touch

DARKEST Shadow of Death ... when the Specter of Death looms

DARKEST Shadow of Death ... no Spaceman can travel & reach

DARKEST Shadow of Death ... 'Tis the Doorstep to Eternity

DARKEST Shadow of Death ... nor the Uttermost of the Sea

DARKEST Shadow of Death ... right before the Grim Reaper

Where is that place?





# Darkest Shadow of Death



**Where is that place?**

**Fearsome ... Dreadful**

**I suspect ... I fear ...**

**The moment RIGHT before  
the Grim Reaper SWINGS**

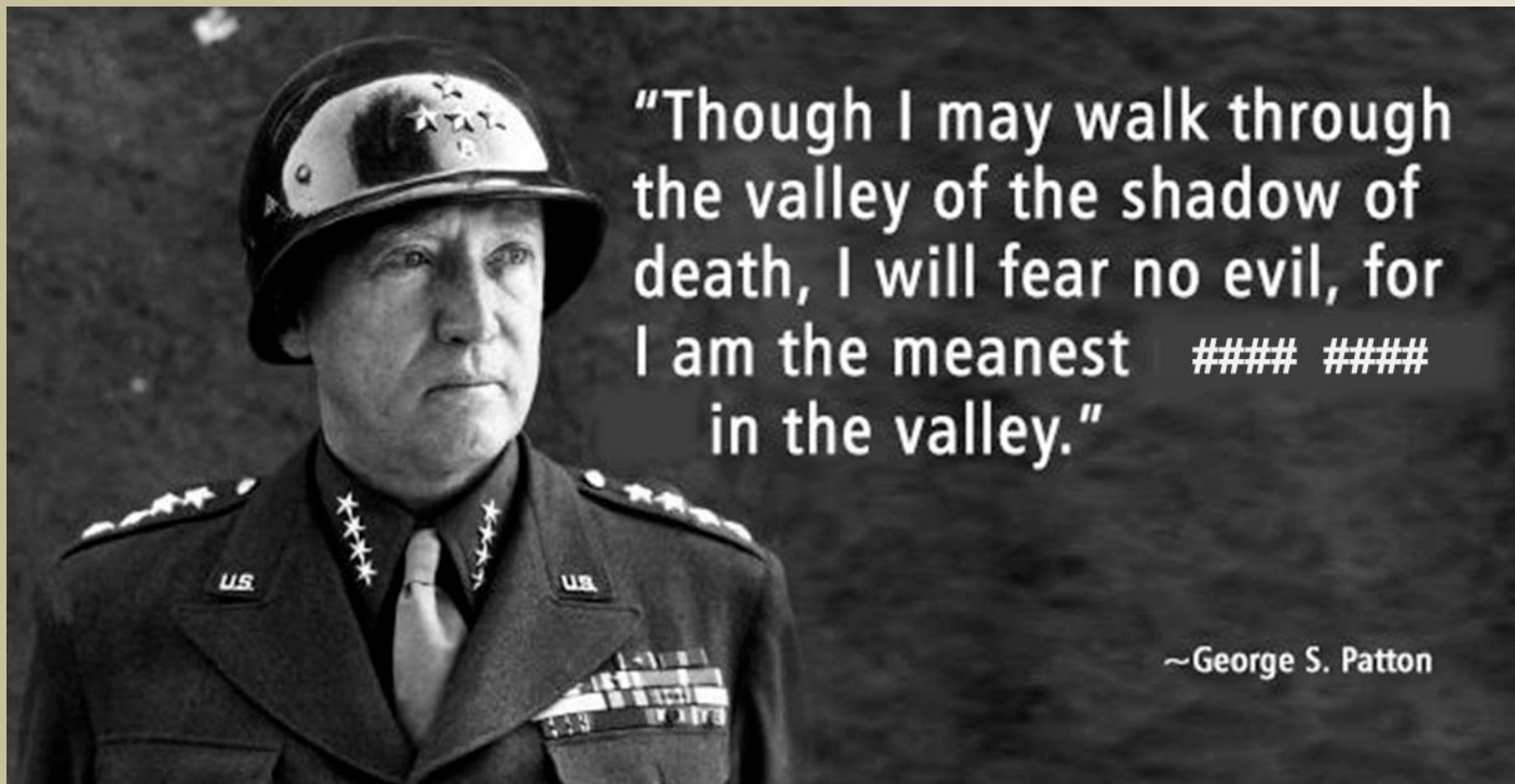
**Moment before we STEP  
pass the threshold of this life**

**The DARKEST Valley of ALL**

## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.

I will fear no evil ... We chuckle at statements like ...



~George S. Patton





## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

**<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff,  
they comfort me.**

**We tip our hats to the Saints of Old ...**

**We thank God for the Church's Great Martyrs ...**

**We marvel & applaud those who have braved the  
Grim Reaper to save others, earning the **Medal of Honor****

**Alas and at a long last, I solemnly PRAY ...**

**That when facing DEATH's fierce forces of fear  
GOD will inspire, encourage, and shore up my SOUL  
saying, "Thy rod and staff, they comfort me."**





## 23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death

Spurgeon\*  
observes ...

not walking in  
the valley, but  
through the valley.

We go through the  
dark tunnel of death and  
emerge into the light of immortality.

We do not die, we do but sleep to wake in glory.

We go through the dark tunnel of death and  
emerge into the **light of immortality.**



## **23:4 Guards – Valley of the Shadow of Death**

We do not die,  
we do but sleep  
to wake in glory.

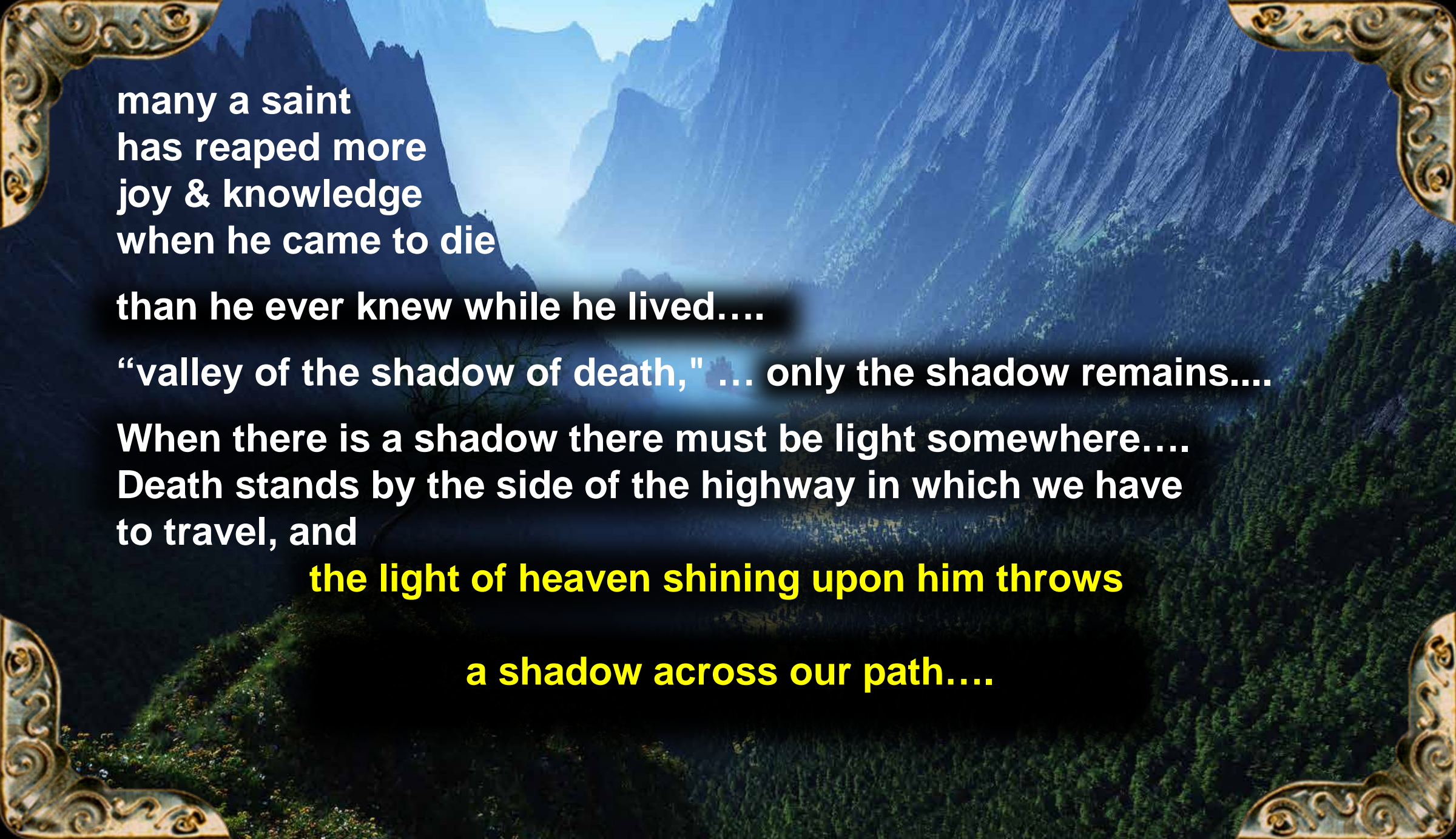
Death is not the house  
but the porch,  
not the goal but the passage to it....

The storm breaks on the mountain,  
but the valley is the place of quietude....

the mountain is bleak and bare,

but the valley is rich with **golden sheaves**





**many a saint  
has reaped more  
joy & knowledge  
when he came to die**

**than he ever knew while he lived....**

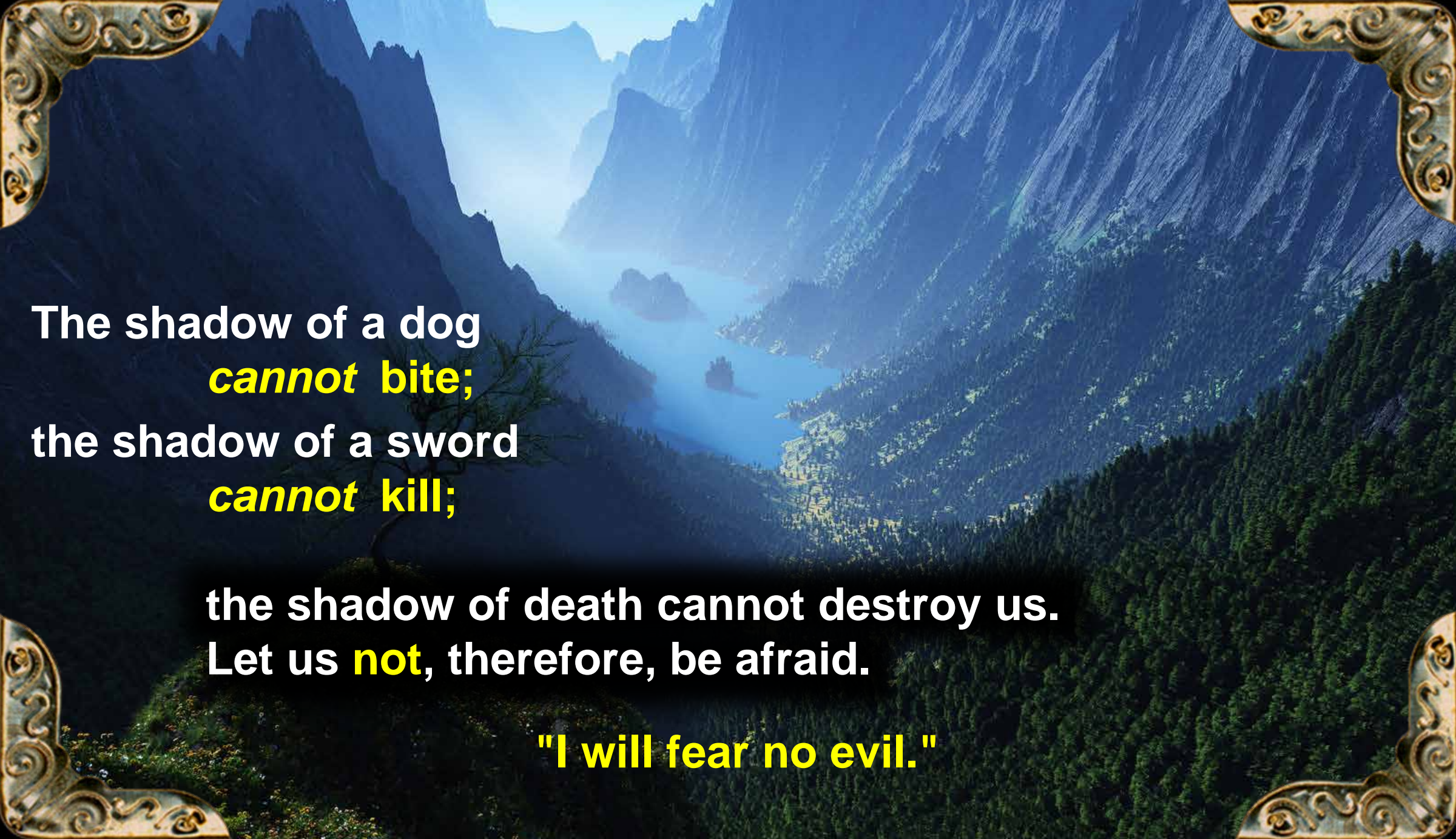
**“valley of the shadow of death,” ... only the shadow remains....**

**When there is a shadow there must be light somewhere....  
Death stands by the side of the highway in which we have  
to travel, and**

**the light of heaven shining upon him throws**

**a shadow across our path....**



The background of the image is a breathtaking landscape of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a dense green forest covers the lower slopes. A small, calm lake is nestled in the middle ground, reflecting the surrounding peaks. The mountains are steep and rugged, with some patches of snow or light-colored rock. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The entire image is framed by four ornate, golden-colored corner pieces that look like carved metal or wood, adding a classic, decorative touch.

The shadow of a dog  
**cannot bite;**  
the shadow of a sword  
**cannot kill;**

the shadow of death cannot destroy us.  
Let us **not**, therefore, be afraid.

**"I will fear no evil."**



## **23:5-6 Hosts – House of the Lord Forever**

As quickly as it began,  
the Nightingale hushes to a close

**<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in  
the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.**

The evil have plans ...

Evil all too often hides in the brush  
to ambush ...

But sometimes they conspire at your  
own dinner table ...





## 23:5-6 Hosts – House of the Lord Forever

Obadiah Sedgwick\* (c.1600-58), an early Presbyterian Minister said,

Now the malice and contrivances of evil men are too short and weak for the divine intention of blessing....

Evil men are but men, & God is a God....

The Lord will clear it to all the world, that he rules the earth, and that “his counsel shall stand;”

and where he blesseth, that man shall be blessed; and whom he curseth, that man shall be cursed.



Obadiah Sedgwick (c.1600-58)  
early Presbyterian Minister

\* *Treasury of David*, Psalm 23, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>



## Saint Augustine,\* A.D. 354-430

Bishop of Hippo, North Africa

Patron Saint of brewers, printers,  
theologians, sore eyes ... more

Latin Vulgate Bible largely from the hand  
of St. Jerome, commissioned in A.D. 382

Council of Trent, A.D. 1545-63, it became  
the Official Bible for the Catholic Church

Prolific, yet most famous for two books:

*Confessions*, c. A.D. 400, masterpiece,  
his autobiography, contrite, deep

*City of God*, c. A.D. 426, primarily as a  
defense that Christianity was NOT the  
cause of the Fall of Rome in 410



St. Augustine, c. 1474  
by Justus van Gent

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## Saint Augustine,\* A.D. 354-430

On, **“My cup runneth over,”**  
Augustine\* quotes the Latin Vulgate as:  
**My inebriating chalice,  
how excellent it is!**

Then Augustine waxes poetic,  
**With this cup were the martyrs  
inebriated, when, going forth to their  
passion, they recognized not those  
that belonged to them;  
not their weeping wife, not their  
children, not their relations;  
while they gave thanks and said,  
“I will take the cup of salvation!”**

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## **23:5-6 Hosts – House of the Lord Forever**

**As quickly as it began,  
the Nightingale hushes to a close**

**thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.**

**God's favor ... God's anointing ...**

**God's Grace ... as well as all said before**

**leads to ... My Cup Runneth Over**





## **23:5-6 Hosts – House of the Lord Forever**

the Nightingale hushes to a close

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the  
House of the LORD for ever.**

“Surely” sang King David ... as a prayer

“Surely” as in Faith ...

“Surely” as in Hope ...

“Surely” as in the promise of Love ...

**So may we ALL Live, Love and Pray**





**And I will dwell in the  
House of the LORD for ever.**

**Great Scottish Baptist Preacher  
Alexander Maclaren\* said in 1863,  
the crown of all our hopes for the future....**

**The sorrows and the joys, the journeying  
and the rest, ... all these should make us  
sure that there is an end ... for which they  
all prepare.**

**We get the table in the wilderness here.**

**Savor this as Maclaren elegantly portrays...**



**Neuschwanstein Castle  
Bavaria, Germany**

\* *Treasury of David*, Psalm 23, [www.Spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php](http://www.Spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php)



**And I will dwell in the  
House of the LORD for ever.**

**Great Scottish Baptist Preacher  
Alexander Maclaren\*, said in 1863,**

**It is as when the son of some great king  
comes back from foreign soil to his  
father's dominions,  
and is welcomed at every stage in his  
journey to the capital with pomp of  
festival and messengers from the throne,  
until at last he enters his palace home,  
where the travel-stained robe is laid aside,  
and he sits down with his Father at His table.**



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*\* Treasury of David, Psalm 23, [www.Spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php](http://www.Spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php)*

# Psalm 23

Nightingale Among the Psalms

Pearl Among the Psalms

**LORD ... My Shepherd ...**

**Green Pastures ... Still Waters.**

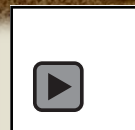
**He Restoreth MY Soul**

**Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death**

**I will Fear No Evil ... thy Rod, thy Staff**

**My Cup Runneth Over.**

**I will dwell in the House of the LORD ... *for ever***





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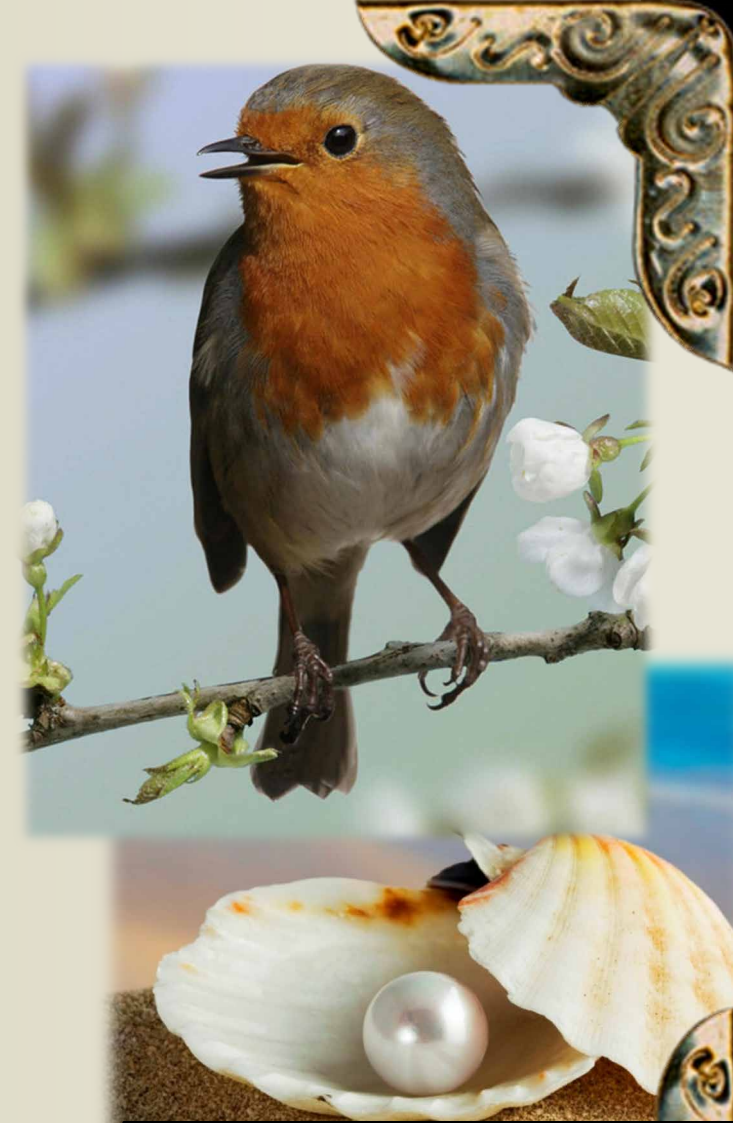
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