

The background is a deep red color with a subtle, textured pattern. In the top right and bottom left corners, there are decorative floral and scrollwork patterns in a slightly darker shade of red. The word "PSALMS" is centered in the middle of the page.

PSALMS

Psalm 23

“My Shepherd”

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

“The sweetest word of the whole is that monosyllable, “My.” He does not say, “The Lord is the shepherd of the world at large, and leadeth forth the multitude as his flock,” but “The Lord is my shepherd;” if he be a Shepherd to no one else, he is a Shepherd to me; he cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me.” The words are in the present tense. Whatever be the believer’s position, he is even now under the pastoral care of Jehovah.”

-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ... I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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.”

-John 10:11,

14-18

“Psalm 22:1 To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? ...

I can count all my bones-- they stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!”

- Psalm 22:1, 17-19

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confidence in the Lord leading you?*

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“He leads me ... your rod and staff, they comfort me”

2. My Shepherd as Host who Honors – 5-6

“You prepare a table ... my cup overflows”

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In Paths

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Favor Shown

Followed by Mercy

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” - Revelation 3:20

“For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” - 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

“And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” -

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Center of Psalm 23:

“I will fear no evil, for you are with me”

“... And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- Matthew 28:20

““Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

- John 14:1-3

“He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” -

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