

**Faith**  
over  
**Fear**



**Psalm 23**

**PS 23**



# Life without lack

LIVING IN THE FULLNESS  
OF PSALM 23

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## 2 Books

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A THOUSAND-YEAR JOURNEY FROM  
PSALM 23 TO THE NEW TESTAMENT



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- **Your faith in Jesus to increase**
- **Your fears to lessen**
- **To Worry less**

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**How does faith increase?**

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## **How does faith increase?**

**1) Faith comes by hearing, hearing, hearing the Word of God**

**2) Faith comes by “remembering”**

- “Remember Me”
- Remembering God’s faithfulness
- A habit of Remembering

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Psalm 23



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Message #2

**Green Pastures**

## Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the  
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.



## Psalm 23

4 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.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.



## 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. (NKJV)



**The Secret to the Good Life**

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**The LORD**

**is**

**My Shepherd**



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## The Setting

- Judean Wilderness
  - David's setting

**See video**





## Wilderness Topography

# My Provider

**He makes me** lie down...

- Idea = He settles me down....in green pastures

**Security, Peace**

**Rest for my soul**

**Satisfaction**



# Green Pastures

2-3 months of rainy season, it looks like this



# Green Pastures?





# Green Pastures

- **Just enough**

**Idea:  
Daily Bread**



# Green Pastures



- **The lessons of the “manna”**
  - **Remember?**

**Idea: Daily Bread**

## **Proverbs 30:7-9**

### **The Prayer of Agur**

**7 Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die):**

**8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches-Feed me with the food allotted to me;**

**9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.**



# **The Lessons of the “Manna” Remember?**

**Jesus said He  
was The True  
Bread from  
Heaven  
(Daily Bread)**

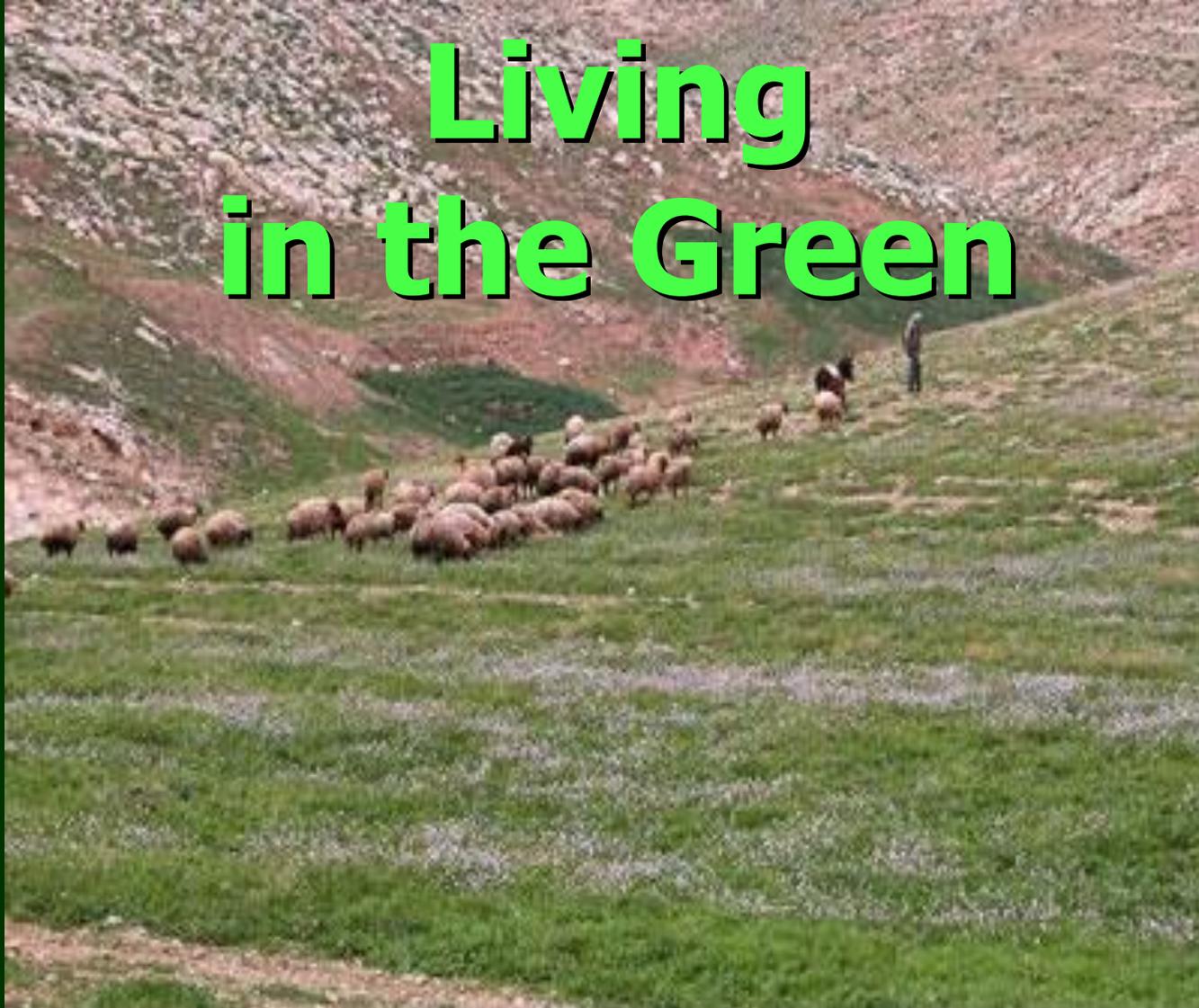
# **What is the Main Lesson of our Desert Journeys?**

## **Deuteronomy 8:2-3**

2 "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and **fed you with manna** which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that **He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.**

**Living  
in the Green**



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**Living  
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**I have no lack either way,  
because My Shepherd will provide!**

**\*Philippians 4**

# Philippians 4



10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

# Philippians 4



12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.



## **Philippians 4**



**13 I can do all things  
through Christ who  
strengthens me.**



## Philippians 4



**19 And my God shall  
supply all your need  
according to His riches  
in glory by Christ Jesus.**

**(my paraphrase)**

**The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want. I shall not lack any good thing because Jesus is with me.** In this desert of life, my Shepherd knows where the green pastures are. He leads me to just what I need, when I need it. My connection to Jesus allows me to rest and settle down. I daily eat what He provides and I have strength to face anything that comes my way. **Jesus cares for me, I take it all in, one bite at a time. I have everything I need!**

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