



PSALMS OF THE SAVIOR

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"Psalm 23"
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We continue the Year of Jesus at Fairmount.

Hebrews 12:1-2

... *Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

Here in February, we turn to additional Old Testament references to Jesus – specifically, the "Psalms of the Savior".

Psalms is a wonderfully diverse collection of spiritual songs and poems.

The Psalms include over 60 glimpses of the coming Messiah.

We begin today with the most familiar example: the 23rd Psalm.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Jesus **IS that Shepherd**.

John 10:11-15

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

This famous Psalm teaches us that a Shepherd would:

1. **Lead**
2. **Feed**
3. **Provide**
4. **Protect**

Follow the Shepherd today.