

SELECTED PSALMS PHASE 1
PSALM 23
Answers for Review Questions

1. **Answer:**
 Item (c) . . . comfort, and the expression of delight Page 5

2. **Answer:**
"This is doubtless the best-loved passage in the Old Testament This psalm is picturing the peaceful relationship one may have with God as a deep reservoir of comfort for many." Page 6

3. **Answer:**
 (a) universally (b) represents (c) meditation (d) mature (e) peace (f) fellowship (g) God (h) stages Page 6

4. **Answer:**
 (a) Sheep are one of the few animals that do not have a defense system . . . Etc.
 (b) Sheep are well-known for following their leader even if he leads them astray . . . Etc.
 (c) Etc.
 For more information, see Page 7.

5. **Answer:**
 . . . Sheep have excellent memories for faces and voices (John 10:3-4); they remember their handler and they follow him or her (John 10:27).
 For more information, see Pages 7-8.

6. **Answer:**
 (a) False.
 (b) Some have mentioned that shepherds break the leg of a little lamb that keeps straying from the flock, and then he carries the lamb—as forming a strong bond so that the little animal will not stray again once her leg has been mended, but stay close to the shepherd. Page 8

7. **Answer:**
 (a) **Shepherds**, were owners of the flock and sincerely devoted themselves to the care of their sheep. Etc.
 (b) **Hirelings**, were hired employees to take care of the flocks they could be impatient and even cruel to the sheep under their care Etc.
 (c) Example see John 10:11-14; etc.)
 (d) Etc.
 For more information, see Pages 8-9.

8. **Answer:**

- (a) One of the outstanding factors why Psalm 23 is so cherished relates to the fact that it is so strongly personal.
- (b) Example note the pronouns "**He**" and "**me**" clearly demonstrate an in-depth relationship about the Shepherd and one of His sheep. This is an awesome relationship that can be experienced by every believer.

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9. **Answer:**

- (a) Comfort (Psa. 86:17; 119:76; etc.).
- (b) Care (Isa. 41:10; 1 Peter 5:7; etc.).
- (c) Confidence (Psa. 71:5; Phil 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12; etc.).
- (d) Covering (Psa. 91:1-16; 27:1; etc.).
- (e) Constancy (Psa. 102:27; Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6; etc.)

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10. **Answer:**

The saints having God as their Shepherd has comfort and consolation. Our Shepherd is **The Almighty God**; as we noted before, He is all-sufficient to all intent . . . the One who is more than enough! David found Him so and so have we (2 Cor. 3:5; 9:8; 12:9; etc. See Pages 10-11.

11. **Answer:**

"Green pastures" or "tender grass": reference here is being made to the first shoots of vegetation from the earth—young leaves—tender grass—as clothing the meadows, and as delicate food for cattle.

The idea is that of calmness and tranquility, as suggested by the flocks lying down on the grass.

For more information, see Pages 11-12.

12. **Answer:**

- (a) "**Still waters . . .**" in the Hebrews means "**water of rest.**"
- (b) God has provided for His people not only food and rest but also refreshment, also pleasure. Etc.

For more information, see Page 12.

13. **Answer:**

- (a) False.
- (b) "**Restore my soul . . .**" (Psa. 23:3a) . . . it refers to the spirit when exhausted, weary or sad or discouraged and the meaning is: God quickens or makes alive the spirit when it was exhausted.
- (c) Etc.

For more information, see Page 13.

14. **Answer:**

Item (b) . . . is an obedience of faith.

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15. **Answer:**

Such was done for **The LORD** own interest or that His name may be honored.

For more information, see Pages 14-15.

16. **Answer:**

(a) As noted in our text (Psa. 23:4) **valley** refers to a deep canyon or a deep and damp and generally enclosed by steep stone walls, making it almost inescapable.

(b) They had to be used due to certain climatic factors in Palestine; grass was not always, easily accessible and as a result shepherds struggled in order to feed their sheep. periodically, they had to go through valleys to obtain necessary feeding grounds for their flock.

For more information, see Page 15.

17. **Answer:**

(a) David's reaction seems as if he downplayed the imminent dangers and he seems relaxed and assured of victory but he did so on good grounds.

(b) There is no evil in the **valley of the shadow of death** to a child of God. Etc.

(c) Etc.

For more information, see Pages 16-17.

18. **Answer:**

(a) A **valley** can be a **low point in your life**. It could be relational, emotional, financial, or spiritual, Etc.

(b) **Valleys** are symbols of the darkest time of our life. Etc.

For more information, see Page 17.

19. **Answer:**

Item (d) . . . presence of their enemies.

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20. **Answer:**

David a dedicated servant of God speaks of the constancy of God's goodness and mercy for all His people, all the days of their lives (1 Chron. 16:34; Psa. 31:19; 102:12-13; etc.)

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