

Our Great Shepherd - Our Rock of Remembrance (The Lord is my shepherd)

At times, it's important for us to review what we remember and know.

We do this by revisiting familiar passages such as Psalm 23.

What does this psalm tell us?

- v.1 The Lord is our shepherd (overseer.) Our **belonging** is in Him.
He **leads, feeds, protects** and **heals** us.
- v.2 He **leads** us to places He has prepared for us, places that have nourishing vegetation and are well-watered.
He **protects** us from vegetation and terrain that are unhealthy for us.
- v.3 He **restores** and renews us (from times that weary us).
- v.4 He **protects** us so we should have no fear of the things that exist and things that are to come.
- v.5 Even when surrounded by enemies, those who oppose us, He **provides** for our needs.
We don't need to fear our enemies.
His blessings are "overflowing" and are more than sufficient for our needs.
- v.6 His goodness and mercies are **actively pursuing us**. (This is a more appropriate translation of the Hebrew word translated "*follow*".)
Not a day goes by that He isn't **watching over us**.
We are precious to Him.
He **gives us a confident hope for the future** of dwelling with Him forever.

Let these remembrances of **Our Great Shepherd** be an encouragement to us in these difficult times in which we are now living.