

Making Sense of a World That Doesn't

When You Don't Know Who You Are

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The twenty-third psalm is the most beloved of the 150 psalms in the Psalter and possibly the best-loved (and best-known) chapter in the entire Bible. The great Baptist preacher Charles Haddon Spurgeon called it "the pearl of psalms." Nineteenth-century preacher and commentator J. J. Stewart Perowne observed that "there is no psalm in which the absence of all doubt, misgiving, fear [and] anxiety is so remarkable." Alexander Maclaren said that "the world could spare many a large book better than this sunny little psalm. It has dried many tears and supplied the mould into which many hearts have poured their peaceful faith."¹

This psalm is a needed correction and encouragement for 'all the days of our lives.'

The Lord is our Shepherd (1-3)

The Lord is our Companion and Comforter (4)

The Lord is our Friend (5-6)

Next Week: "When You Experience Fear" ~ Psalm 27

* These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

¹ Boice, J. M. (2005). *Psalms* (Pbk. ed.) (207). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books.