



# Shepherds and Seamstresses

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this.

Ps. 78:6

### PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

**T**HE LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures: he leadeth  
me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he  
leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's  
sake.

Ps. 5:8

4 Yea, though I walk  
through the valley of the shad-  
ow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod  
and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table be-  
fore me in the presence of  
mine enemies: thou anointest  
my head with oil; my cup  
runneth over.

Ps. 92:10

6 Surely goodness and mer-  
cy shall follow me all the days  
of my life: and I will dwell in  
the house of the LORD for ever.

### PSALM 24

gates; and be ye  
everlasting door  
King of glory sh

8 Who is this Ki  
The LORD strong  
the LORD mighty i

9 Lift up your  
gates; even lift t  
everlasting door  
King of glory sha

10 Who is this  
ry? The LORD of ho  
King of glory. Sel

### PSALM 2

A Psalm of D

**U**NTO THEE, O  
lift up my sou

2 O my God, I tr  
let me not be asha  
mine enemies tri  
me.

Ps. 34:8;

3 Yea, let none t  
thee be ashamed:  
ashamed which  
without cause.

4 Show me thy  
LORD: teach me thy

# The Lord is My Shepherd

Folk song

1



The Lord is my— shep - herd, I'll walk with him al - ways. He



leads me by still wa - ters, I'll walk with Him al - ways.

2



Al - ways, al - ways, I'll walk with Him al - ways. Al -



ways, al - ways, I'll walk with Him al - ways.

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John 10:22-30- New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

## Revelation 7:9-17

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After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”



And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”



Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."



“For this reason, they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”





Acts 9:36-43

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Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died.

When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."



The Charity of Dorcas -- William Dobson, from British Painters, 1881

So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up."

Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up.



Raising of Tabitha -- Guercino, Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia



Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Raising of Tabitha

Cathedral of St. Front  
Perigueux, France





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