

A Song of Trust: I Will Not Fear (Ps. 23:4)

The Valley of the Shadow of Death

- David acknowledges that sheep do not always stay in the green pastures near refreshing waters
- But on occasion, they make their way into the deep valleys of the desert
 - Which are extremely arid and dangerous
- This represents the hardest & darkest days of our lives
 - When we may feel far from God and His provision
 - Perhaps due to our own wandering or circumstances beyond our control

I Will Fear No Evil

- Yet, David declares his confident trust in the LORD, stating his lack of fear
 - Because of God's presence even in the hardship
 - Even when we have wandered (Luke 15:4-5)

They Comfort Me

- David finds comfort in the tools of the Shepherd
 - Rod/Club: Used to protect the sheep from wild animals
 - Staff/Crook: Used to guide and control the sheep
 - Including correcting and saving them as needed
- Our comfort and secure is found in our Good Shepherd's protection and guidance
 - And seeking us when we wander from the safety of His side

So What?

- Are we finding our security and comfort in the LORD, our Good Shepherd?
- Are we letting Him guide and correct us?

Meditation Verse: Psalm 23:4