

The Lord Is

Scripture

*"The Lord is my shepherd."
Psalm 23:1*

Reflection

The word "is" points to the present and continual care of God. David did not say that the Lord used to be his Shepherd or that the Lord might become his Shepherd someday. He declared that the Lord was his Shepherd in the present moment.

God's care is not limited to the past. He is not merely the God who helped us yesterday. He is with us now. His presence remains steady through changing circumstances, difficult seasons, and uncertain futures.

The Lord's continual presence does not mean that hardship will never come. Psalm 23 itself speaks of dark valleys. It means that we never face those valleys alone. The Good Shepherd remains with His people, guiding and protecting them every step of the way.

Illustration

A lighthouse does not remove the storm or calm every wave. Its steady light provides direction through the darkness and helps sailors avoid danger.

God's presence does not always remove our trials immediately, but His faithful guidance enables us to walk through them without losing our way.

Application

Think about a time when God faithfully carried you through a difficult season. Thank Him for what He did then, but do not stop there.

Ask yourself, "Where is God calling me to trust Him today?" Rest in the truth that the Lord is presently with you. You do not have to wait for easier circumstances before trusting Him.

Prayer

Father, thank You that You are not only the God of my past but also the Shepherd of my present. Help me recognize Your presence today. When I face uncertainty, remind me that You are with me. Give me faith to follow Your guidance one step at a time. Amen.