

my SHEPHERD: my PROTECTOR

Psalm 23: one of the most familiar, most treasured portions of all Scripture. Do we really hear what Psalm 23:4 says? Understand what Psalm 23:4 reveals? Do what Psalm 23:4 requires?

“Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.”

What does this say?

“Thy rod” =

- used as Exodus 21:20 (see also Micah 7:14)
- used as Leviticus 27:32, Ezekiel 20:37, John 10:27-29

“Thy staff” =

- used as Exodus 21:19 (see also Zechariah 8:4)
- used for

“they comfort me”

- “_____” e.g., Genesis 50:21, Psalm 119:76, Isaiah 66:13, 61:2
- “_____” e.g., Jeremiah 8:6

from Latin +

“Your _____ and Your _____,
they _____ me.”

What does this reveal?

- My SHEPHERD’s _____ me
because with it He protects me from threats _____ me.
 - Shepherds protect their sheep. 1 Samuel 17:34-35
 - Our SHEPHERD protects us.
 - Our LORD SHEPHERD cares for us. Matthew 9:36/Mark 6:34
 - Our LORD SHEPHERD fights for us.



- We need protection. Psalm 7:1-2, Ephesians 6:12
- Our LORD SHEPHERD does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.
 - ◆ Exodus 14:14, Deuteronomy 3:22, Deuteronomy 20:4, 1 Samuel 17:47, 2 Chronicles 20:15, Isaiah 54:17
 - ◆ Romans 8:31
 - ◆ John 10:11-15

- My SHEPHERD's _____ me
because with it He protects me from threats _____ me.
 - Shepherds correct their sheep.
 - Our LORD SHEPHERD corrects us.

- We need correction. James 1:14-15, 1 Peter 2:11
- Our LORD SHEPHERD _____ us.
Hebrews 12:5-11[Proverbs 3:11-12], Revelation 3:19
 - Purpose of _____
 - Tools of _____
 - ◆ e.g., Joseph, Genesis 37-46
 - ◆ Galatians 6:1
 - ◆ John 16:7-11
 - ◆ 2 Timothy 3:16

“LORD YHWH, my SHEPHERD, You are my PROTECTOR, for Your _____
_____ and Your _____,
they _____ me.”

What does this require? Trust the SHEPHERD.

- _____ with Him.
Joshua 23:8, Psalm 27:14, John 15:4-5
- _____ to Him.
James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:6, Psalm 95:7, John 10:27-28