

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Psalm 23

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### Jeremiah 29.11 NIV

<sup>11</sup> For **I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,** "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

This is where the Good Shepherd is leading us. Into the future that God has stated for us. It is a future filled with hope and a place where we will prosper on every level. Psalm 23 is filled with promises, perspective and strategies from God for today's world we live in. Be encouraged and strengthened in your spirit and soul. We are living in Psalm 23 RIGHT NOW! Let the words of Psalm 23 build you up in your most holy faith. Let the truth and the substance of the word penetrate the city and the region and every person in it. See the future. Pull the future into the now – His kingdom come. Be filled with awe as we hear the heart of our Father for us, for our time and our nation.

### Psalm 23.1 KJV

#### **The Lord is my shepherd;**

- Jehovah Rohi – the Lord is my Shepherd.
- There is power in the names of God. The names of God convey the truth of His power, love, sovereignty and authority.
- A shepherd watches over his flock and leads his flock along the path. A shepherd protects his flock from predators and provides for the needs of the sheep. The shepherd gets the sheep to the right place.

#### **I shall not want.**

- He is the One who protects.
  - The devil has been defeated by Jesus. We are not subject to the devil, but the devil is subject to us. We have been given authority over the devil by Jesus. We exercise that authority by using the word of God – the sword of the Spirit.
  - Kenneth Hagin writes in Triumphant Church: "The Body of Christ is triumphant. Thank God we can triumph over sickness, disease, poverty and bad habits because of our inheritance in Christ. And we can triumph over devils, evil spirits and anything else the enemy would try to bind us with because Jesus already defeated them. What is ours in Christ, requires nothing but taking or appropriating by faith. We don't have to struggle to believe for something that already belongs to us. But we do need to know that it is ours or we won't take our rightful position in Christ and take advantage of what is ours."
- He is the One who directs.
  - Psalm 119: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.
  - Proverbs 3: In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.
  - Acts 2.28: You have made known to me the paths of life; you fill me with joy in your presence.

- He is the One who provides.
  - Psalm 103: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with loving-kindness and compassion.
  - John 10: I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
  - James 1: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
  - 2 Peter 1: Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power.

**Psalm 23.2-6 KJV**

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

- Psalm 27: I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
- Exodus 33: And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Just as Jesus is our Shepherd, He is also the Good Shepherd over Detroit and every community and institution in Michigan. **Detroit and Michigan belong to the Lord!**

**Prayer and Declaration from Dutch Sheets June 7, 2022:**

We are confident in Your love. We are confident that You love to save. We are confident that Your mercy triumphs over judgment. We are confident that heaven rejoices over one lost soul coming to Christ. We are confident that You love the world – and You love Detroit. That is why You sent Your Son. We are confident that no shaking can damage or hinder Your kingdom. And we are confident that America shall be saved and returned to her role as a voice for You on the earth.

As Christ taught us, we command forth Your kingdom rule and will on earth, as it is in heaven! Amen.

**Our decree:**

We decree that good will overcome evil, and the ever-increasing Kingdom of Christ is moving into its finest hour (see Isaiah 9.6-7).