

A Bunch of Sweet P's

I have been growing sweet peas in the garden and it reminded me of a time years ago listening to a message on Psalm 23 and taking some notes. So here goes!



Psalm 23 A Psalm of David

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.



Psalm 23 is often used at funerals and is a good passage to look at when we're feeling lonely, because it is very familiar and well known.

I would say it has a load of 'sweet peas' which cause us to rejoice and bring reassurance, but as is the problem with familiar things, we can lose sight of so much that's in this Psalm.

Here are twelve “sweet p’s”
to think
about.



- Possession** - The Lord is my Shepherd
- Provision** - I shall not want
- Position** - He makes me lie down
- Privilege** - In green pastures
- Preserve** - He restores my soul
- Progress** - He leads me in paths of righteousness
- Peace** - I will fear no evil
- Presence** - For you are with me
- Preparation** - You prepare a table for me
- Plenty** - My cup over flows
- Pursuit** - Goodness and love will follow me
- Prospect** - I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Which of these ‘sweet peas’
speaks to you most at this
time?

Do any other Bible verses
come to mind as you
meditate on these
‘sweet peas’?



The first ‘P’ is possession! The Lord is my Shepherd says it all - feeds, guides and protects - if only we let him. Here is a story I found...

At the end of a play the leading actor held the audience spell bound as he recited Psalm 23; it bought the house down with applause. Looking across the auditorium he spotted his old vicar and called him to say something. To their surprise, he too recited Psalm 23. When he finished, there was silence as the audience dried tears from their eyes. At this point the actor stood beside his old vicar and said, “ladies and gentlemen, the difference is, I know the 23rd Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd!”