

MEETING GOD IN FAMILIAR PLACES  
GOD'S COMFORT IN PSALM 23  
PSALM 23:1-6



### The Heart of the Matter

There is not a more familiar setting to meet God than in Psalm 23. It is the psalm everyone turns to when alone and afraid, when in harm's way on the battlefield, when surrounded by the splintered remains after a disaster, while lying on a hospital bed facing serious surgery, as prison bars slam shut, and when overwhelmed by grief. Many know it by heart, but few have ever looked deeply into the psalmist's heart to discover what he *really* meant or to understand the Shepherd who comforted the psalmist.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Observing What's Obvious . . . but Usually Missed

We call Psalm 23 the *Shepherd's Psalm*. It should really be called the *Sheep's Psalm*.

#### 2. Understanding What's Written . . . but Quickly Overlooked (Psalm 23:1-6)

Let's divide the psalm into three stanzas and discover God's divine comfort.

God's comforting \_\_\_\_\_ (23:1-2).

God's comforting \_\_\_\_\_ (23:3-4).

God's comforting \_\_\_\_\_ (23:5-6).



### Starting Your Journey

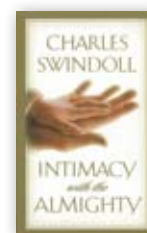
There are three important but easily forgotten truths we should apply to our lives. First, God's comfort makes life livable. Second, God's comfort makes trials bearable. And third, God's comfort makes heaven believable.



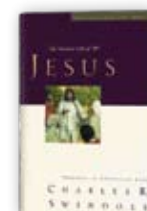
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