

# DISCOVER TRUTH FOR YOURSELF

## Lightning Study



### CAN WE LIVE WITH CONFIDENCE?

Psalm 23 is probably one of the best known in the Bible - but has its familiarity kept you from seeing how it can be relevant to your own life? Read Psalm 23 then follow the instructions below. *Perhaps this simple exercise will give you fresh insight into God's Word...*

#### Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### Follow the instructions and discover truth for yourself

1. **Who** are the main people mentioned?

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2. Read through the passage and **mark** LORD with a triangle, including all pronouns eg, He, His, You, etc.
3. Look at what you have marked. **What** do you learn about the LORD? **List** here what you discover using the words as they appear in the text.
4. **Mark** all references to the **Psalmist** (the writer) with a circle eg, my, I etc. Look at what you have marked. **What** kind of relationship does he have with the LORD?
5. Look at Psalm 23 again and **underline** the 6 settings **where** 'The LORD is my shepherd'. **What** kind of places are they?
6. Put a box around the **verbs** or action words to do with the LORD. **What** does he do?
7. **What** conclusion does the Psalmist come to in verse 6?

#### Reflect:

*How does this Psalm relate to you? Is the LORD your shepherd? Are you one of His sheep?*

*You might like to read John chapter 10 in your Bible and see what else you learn!*