

DANGEROUS PRAYERS

FOR THE COMMON LIFE

LEAD ME OH GOD!

Colossians 4:2 (ESV) *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*

1. Most Christians pray comfortable prayers.
2. I want to challenge you to pray dangerous prayers in 2019.
3. Dangerous prayers ask God to radically change our lives.
4. We are going to look to David's prayers in the Psalms for guidance on praying dangerous prayers for four weeks.

Week 1 was Search me Oh God Psalm 139 a prayer for Inspection

Week 2 was Have Mercy Oh God Psalm 51 a prayer of Repentance

Today's Sermon is Lead Me Oh God from Psalm 23 a prayer for Guidance

5. Do not let the familiarity of this passage allow its brilliance to be hidden.
6. This is a psalm for ALL the days of your life.

Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV) ¹ *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.* ² *He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.* ³ *He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness* for his name's sake. ⁴ *Even 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.* ⁵ *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.* ⁶ *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

1. GOD CARES FOR US AS A SHEPHERD 23:1

¹ *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

1. God is identified by His name Jehovah. The seven OT compound names of God are all illustrated in Psalm 23.
2. God is identified by His role as shepherd. We are the sheep. (Psalm 100:3)

a. Shepherds are committed, compassionate, caring, and courageous.

b. Sheep are defenseless, directionless, and often foolish.

3. God's people lack nothing because we have God and are satisfied.

2. GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR EVERY NEED 23:2,3

² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

1. He causes us to rest.

2. He provides us with good nourishment.

3. He provides still water.

4. He restores and renews our souls.

5. He leads us on the right path.

3. THE NEW TESTAMENT DESCRIBES JESUS AS A SHEPHERD

1. He is the Good Shepherd. **John 10:11 (ESV)** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

2. He is the Great Shepherd. **Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)** ²⁰ *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,* ²¹ *equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

3. Chief Shepherd. **1 Peter 5:4 (ESV)** *And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

Find rest, nourishment, renewal, and direction by following close to Jesus.