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Golden Text Psalms 23: The LORD is my shepherd; . . .
He restores my soul:

Responsive Reading Psalms 27:1 (to 1st ?), 13, 14 (to 2nd :); Isaiah 59:1, 11 (to :), 12 (to :), 19–21 When; 60:1, 18, 19

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage;

1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

11 We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves;

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us;

19 . . . When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord.

21 "As for Me," says the Lord, "this *is* My covenant with them: My Spirit who *is* upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore."

1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

18 Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, Neither wasting nor destruction within your borders; But you shall call your walls Salvation, And your gates Praise.

19 "The sun shall no longer be your light by day, Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; But the

LORD will be to you an everlasting light, And your God your glory.

Section 1

1 | Habakkuk 1:12 (to ?), 13 (to :) Are You not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? O Rock, You have marked them for correction. You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness.

2 | Psalms 16:2 (to :), 10 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

3 | Psalms 139:8 2nd if, 11, 23, 24 if I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

4 | Psalms 23:1 (to :); 3, 6 The Lord is my shepherd; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

S&H 1-6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness] of [LOVE] for ever.

Section 2

5 | Jeremiah 23:24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord.

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6 | Jeremiah 3:21, 22 (to 1st .) A voice was heard on the desolate heights, Weeping and supplications of the children of Israel. For they have perverted their way; They have forgotten the Lord their God. "Return, you backsliding children, And I will heal your backslidings."

7 | I Samuel 12:6, 7, 10, 20–22 Samuel said to the people, "It is the Lord who raised up Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt. 7 Now therefore, stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous acts of the Lord which He did to you and your fathers: Then they cried out to the Lord, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord & served the Baals and Ashtoreths; but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.' Then Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing. For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people.

8 | Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

S&H 7-11 Truth should, and does, drive error out of all selfhood.

Section 3

9 | Job 22:12 "Is not God in the height of heaven? And see the highest stars, how lofty they are!

10 | Job 26:6 Sheol is naked before Him, And Destruction has no covering.

IOW (In other words): Death [The grave; Sheol] is naked [lies exposed] before God; destruction [Abaddon; the underworld] is uncovered before him [God is in control of them]. (The Expanded Bible)

11 | Psalms 6:2 (to:), 4 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!

12 | Romans 7:19, 24, 25 (to 1st .) For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

S&H 12-17 Thus progress will finally destroy all error, and bring immortality to light.

Section 4

13 | Psalms 69:1 (to ;), 14 (to :), 16, 29 let 1 Save me, O God; Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.

14 | Mark 1:14-15 Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, & saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

15 | Mark 3:7 (to :) Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea:

16 | Mark 5:1–3, 5–15 (to :) Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

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And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind.

S&H 18-23 Let unselfishness, goodness, mercy, justice, health, holiness, love — the kingdom of heaven — reign within us, & sin, disease, and death will diminish until they finally disappear.

Section 5

17 | Acts 9:1–6, 8, 10, 11 (to :), 13, 15, 17, 18, 20 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus... Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. Immediately he

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preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

S&H 24-28 Let Truth uncover and destroy error in God's own way, and let human justice pattern the divine.

Section 6

18 | Ps 34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

19 | Isaiah 43:1 thus, 6 bring, 7 (to :) thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth— Everyone who is called by My name:

20 | Jeremiah 31:3 Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

S&H 29-31 This is the doctrine of CS: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death. The perfect man — governed by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal.

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