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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 believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

**1 See, the Lord's hand is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.**

11 We all growl like bears; like doves we moan mournfully.

**12 For our transgressions before you are many, and our sins testify against us.**

19 . . . he will come like a pent-up stream that the wind of the Lord drives on.

**20 And he will come to Zion as Redeemer, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, says the Lord.**

21 And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord: my spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the Lord, from now on and forever.

**1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; 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 by night;**

**but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

**Section 1**

1 | Habakkuk 1:12 (to?), 13 (to :) Are you not from of old, O Lord my God, my Holy One? and you, O Rock, have established them for punishment. Your eyes are too pure to behold evil, and you cannot look on wrongdoing;

2 | Psalms 16:2 (to :), 10 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

3 | Psalms 139:8 2nd if, 11, 23, 24 if I make my bed in hell, you are there. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. 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 right paths for his name's sake. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*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] forever.*

**Section 2**

5 | Jeremiah 23:24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? 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 on the bare heights is heard, the plaintive weeping of Israel's children, because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the Lord their God: Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness.

7 | I Samuel 12:6, 7, 10, 20–22 Samuel said to the people, "The Lord is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your ancestors up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore take your stand, so that I may enter into judgment with you before the Lord, and I will declare to you all the saving deeds of the Lord that he performed for you and for your ancestors. Then they cried to the Lord, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and have served the Baals and the Astartes; but now rescue us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.' And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save, for they are useless. For the Lord will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself.

8 | Isaiah 1:18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

**Section 3**

9 | Job 22:12 "Is not God high in the heavens? See the highest stars, how lofty they are!

10 | Job 26:6 Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon 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 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.

12 | Romans 7:19, 24, 25 (to 1st .) For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to 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 Save me, O God; rescue me from sinking in the mire; Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. let your salvation, O God, protect me.

14 | Mark 1:14, 15 Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

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

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when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits[b] begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, 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 Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he

found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "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.*

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**Section 6**

18 | Psalms 34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

19 | Isaiah 43:1 thus, 6 bring, 7 (to :) thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name:

20 | Jeremiah 31:3 I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to 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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