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# Let Us Pray – The Names and Attributes of God

## Psalm 23.

### *Why pray God's names?*

- It shifts our focus from ourselves to who God is
- It aligns our heart with God's nature
- It increases our trust in God
- Jesus taught us to pray this way:  
"Our Father (Parent) in Heaven, hallowed be your name" (Matthew 6:9)

### *Psalm 23 (NIV)*

"1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in 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 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 love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

### *8 Names & Attributes of God in Psalm 23*

Attributes of God	Names of God	Meaning	Prayer Prompt
The Lord is My Shepherd	Jehovah-Raah	The Lord my Shepherd	"Lord, you are my Shepherd. I trust your guidance."
My Provider	Jehovah-Jireh	The Lord will provide	"You supply all my needs. I rest in your provision."
My Peace	Jehovah-Shalom	The Lord is Peace	"Lead me beside quiet waters. Quiet my spirit"
My Healer	Jehovah-Rapha	The Lord who heals	"Restore my soul, Lord. Heal what's hurting."
My Righteousness	Jehovah-Tsidkenu	The Lord our Righteousness	"Lead me in right paths. Shape my character."
My Constant Companion	Jehovah-Shammah	The Lord is there	"I will not fear. You are with me in every valley."
My Defender	Jehovah-Nissi	The Lord is my Banner	"You fight my battles. I rest at your table."
My Sanctifier	Jehovah-M'Kaddesh	The Lord who sanctifies	"Anoint me. Let my life overflow with blessing."

## Key Takeaways

- God's names reveal their attributes and character. Use them in prayer!
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd (John 10:14)
- Praying through Psalm 23 brings rest, peace, strength, and trust
- Let God restore, guide, protect, and equip you
- Don't focus on fear or control — trust in God's presence and purpose

## Reflection and Call to Action

*Take 5 minutes a day this week to:*

- Read Psalm 23 out loud
- Pray each verse as a personal conversation with God
- Write down 1 way God showed up for you that day

## Prayer Example (Psalm 23 in Prayer)

1. Lord you are my Shepherd, I trust in you to care for me
2. I shall not be in want for you are my provider
3. Lord slow me down, lead me beside quiet waters, you are my peace
4. Restore my soul Lord, heal what's weak within me
5. Lead me in your ways. May my choices reflect your righteousness
6. I fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and staff comfort me
7. Lord, you prepare a table for me to be nourished by your love, provision, and presence while you fight my battles
8. Anoint me Lord, fill me with your Spirit and let my cup overflow so I can bless others.

## Keep Eternity in Mind

"Surely goodness and love will follow me... I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."  
– Psalm 23:6

Remember:

- You are loved
  - You are never alone
  - Your future is secure in Christ
- John 14:2 — "I am going to prepare a place for you."*