

A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me.

Chapter Seven

Verse 4 from missionary Bob Burgess; a personal translation:

Even when I walk in places of spiritual darkness and physical violence, I have no reason to fear evil, because You are by my side.

1. The Psalm changes at verse four. Note how and why:
2. List the three reasons for using valleys to move the sheep to higher ground for the summer:
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3. The “valley of the shadow of death” is a place of danger, but not necessarily an actual death experience. When sheep enter a dangerous area, what is the reason for their confidence?

4. Describe a time that you walked in a deep valley and how that experience changed or impacted your faith in God. What lessons did you learn during that time? Have you allowed God to use that experience to minister to others?

5. Read Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:9, Psalm 46, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, Acts 18:9, Hebrews 13:5-6. Make note of how these verses personally relate to you in your present circumstances:

From Wordwise Bible Studies:

Many of us would like to move on to more satisfying and fulfilling experiences with God, but we have failed to realize that the path to richer pasturelands my lie through dark and dangerous valleys.