

## **Greenforest Community Baptist Church**

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### **Teaching on Tuesdays (4/20/21)**

#### **Psalm 23 – God GUIDES**

All human beings are conscientiously and unconsciously guided by something or someone. However, many people allow themselves to be governed and guided by the wrong things. Today, we will explore and examine David's journey and he learned how to follow God's guidance better. Our confidence and comfort is in knowing God's guides.

#### **I. History of the writer David**

1. Warrior
2. Worshipper
3. Writer
4. Womanizer

#### **II. History of the Psalms**

1. Israelite Hymn Book
2. There are 150 Psalms which are divided into 5 sections.
3. There are different types of Psalms (Praise, Lament, Royal, Wisdom, Enthronement)

#### **III. Songs have a way of ...**

1. Encouraging you when you are discouraged.
2. Lifting you when you are feeling down.
3. Motivating you when you feel deflated.
4. Giving you joy when you feel sad.
5. Comforting you when you are suffering.

#### **IV. Familiar modern-day Psalms/Songs:**

1. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound...
2. Father I stretch my hands to thee...
3. Can't nobody, do me like Jesus...
4. Searched all over couldn't find nobody greater...

#### **V. Affirming quotes about songs**

1. Philosopher Plato - "every heart ought to have a song that it sings."
2. Singer Stevie Wonder – "Music, at its essence, is what gives us memories. And the longer the song has existed in our lives, the more memories we have of it."
3. Psalm 96:1 – Sing to the Lord a new song.

#### **VI. Familiar Psalms by David:**

1. Psalm 96:1 – Sing to the Lord a new song
2. Psalm 34:1 – I will bless the Lord at all times...
3. Psalm 100 - Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

#### **VII. 3 Movements in Psalm 23**

1. Upbeat movement (v.1-3)
2. Downbeat movement (v.4)
3. Upbeat movement (v.5-6)

#### **VIII. Main Points – In Psalm 23, David describes the attributes of God**

- a) Priority – "The Lord"
- b) Personal - "my"
- c) Provider- "I shall not want he maketh me lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:"
- d) Pathfinder – "he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
- e) Protector – "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; -thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."
- f) Preparer – "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:"
- g) Physician – "thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."
- h) Partnership – "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:"
- i) Place of refuge – "and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."