

God of Our Valleys. Psalm 23:1-4, 1 Kings 20 May 3rd, 2020

Psalm 23:1-4 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 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.

1 Kings 20:28, "...because the Arameans think the LORD is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the Lord."

I. A _____ Valleys.

A. Valleys are a P_____ of Life! **1 Peter 4:12**, "Don't be surprised when you are tested by troubles or painful suffering, as if something unusual is happening to you."

B. Valleys happen to E_____. **Psalm 39:14** "The good man does not escape all troubles-he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each & everyone."

C. Valleys are U_____. **Psalm 27:1** "Don't brag about tomorrow; you don't know what may happen then."

II. Biblical Valleys we W_____.

A. Valley of (Siddim) F_____. **Gen. 14:1-11**

B. Valley of (Eschol) F_____. **Numbers 13-22-33**

C. Valley of (Elah) C_____. **1 Samuel 17**

B. Valley of (Baca) W_____ / _____. **Psalm 84:5-7** "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As the pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion"

III. Things to R_____ in the Valleys.

A. God is with U____. **Psalm 23:1-4**

1. Through: They are T_____.
2. Shadows: Needs L_____.

John 8:12 "...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

B. God's P_____ are Good. **Hosea 2:15** "I will transform the Valley of Trouble into a Gateway of Hope!"

C. God's R_____ are E_____.

2 Cor. 4:17 "For our present troubles are quite small and they won't last very long. Yet they are producing in us an eternal glory that will last forever and is greater than anything we can imagine!"

Three ways to live this week:

1. Keep our F_____ on God.
2. Thank God for His P_____.
3. Be an Agent of H_____ to O_____. **Hosea 2:15**