

**Why does God allow
bad things to happen?**

Psalm 23:1-6



**Every moment of every situation
is a forever reminder of the ominous
shadow dangling over us
(death- the consequence of sin-
is perpetually present)**



**Whatever happens
(both **the good** and **the bad**)
is allowed by God for a
particular purpose-
sometimes unknown to us**



**In Christ, death has been forever
defeated and now only a
shadow of death remains**

II Corinthians 4:16-18



The Valley of the Shadow of Death



**Psalm 23 is a Psalm for people who
are **shaken** and facing turmoil**

Psalm 23:1a



**Facing unexplainable tragedy and
King David starts by rooting himself
to the personal and intimate
nature of God**

John 10:11-18



**This Psalm is written from the
perspective of the **sheep****

Isaiah 53:6

Psalm 23:1-3



In the Lord, we **lack nothing,
we're fully satisfied**



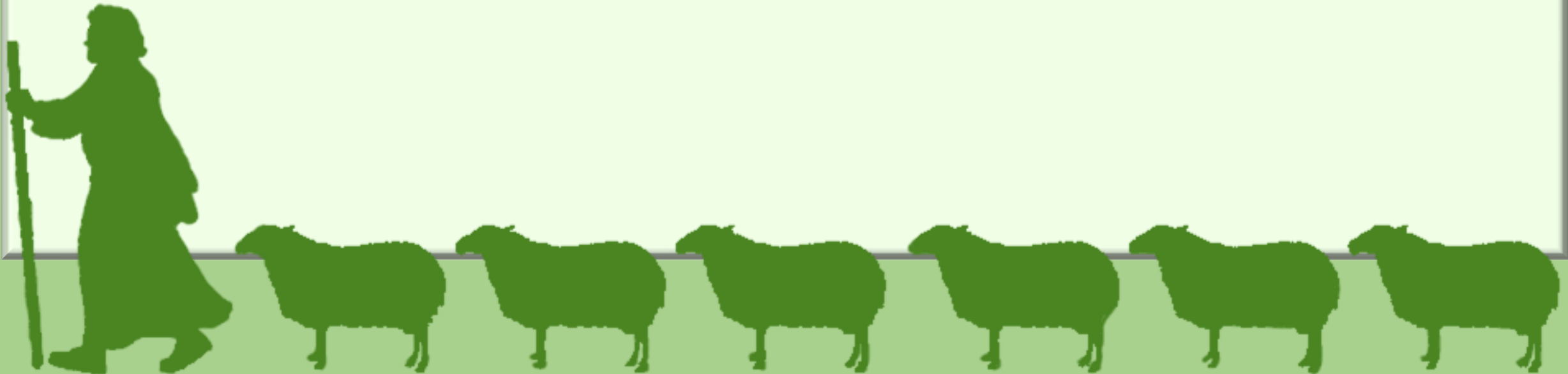
**Like sheep, human beings tend
to have a **mob mentality**,
we're fearful and timid,
we're stubborn and stupid**



**However, in that state,
God **chooses us**, calls us by name,
engrafts us into His family,
and **delights in caring** for us**



**The picture being painted is a
danger-free spot of rest**



**“Paths” = are well-worn trails
(and sheep still need a shepherd
to guide them NO matter how
obvious the path appears)**

Psalm 23:4-6



Walking again speaks to the feelings
of being secure in the middle of
incredibly difficult situations
(**continuously** moving through
what is temporary)



Both the rod and the staff are **instruments
used by the shepherd**

“The Rod” is used for **discipline purposes
(to stop wandering sheep from going astray)**

“The Staff” is used to **lead and
sometimes **protect** the sheep**



In the middle of the **worst**, which an enemy can dish out, and King David found **peace and joy** in God (reason to celebrate)

“My Cup Overflows” – this is a state of **constant overflow**

