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The Pearl of the Psalms



Ps 23



- **THE KEY:**

–“*The Lord is
my Shepherd.*”



Summary: 17 qualities



- RELATIONSHIP
 - SUPPLY
 - REST
- REFRESHMENT & HEALING
 - GUIDANCE
 - PURPOSE

- TESTING
- PROTECTION
- FAITHFULNESS
- DISCIPLINE
- HOPE
- CONSECRATION



- ABUNDANCE
- BLESSING
- SECURITY
- ETERNITY!



The Lord is My Shepherd

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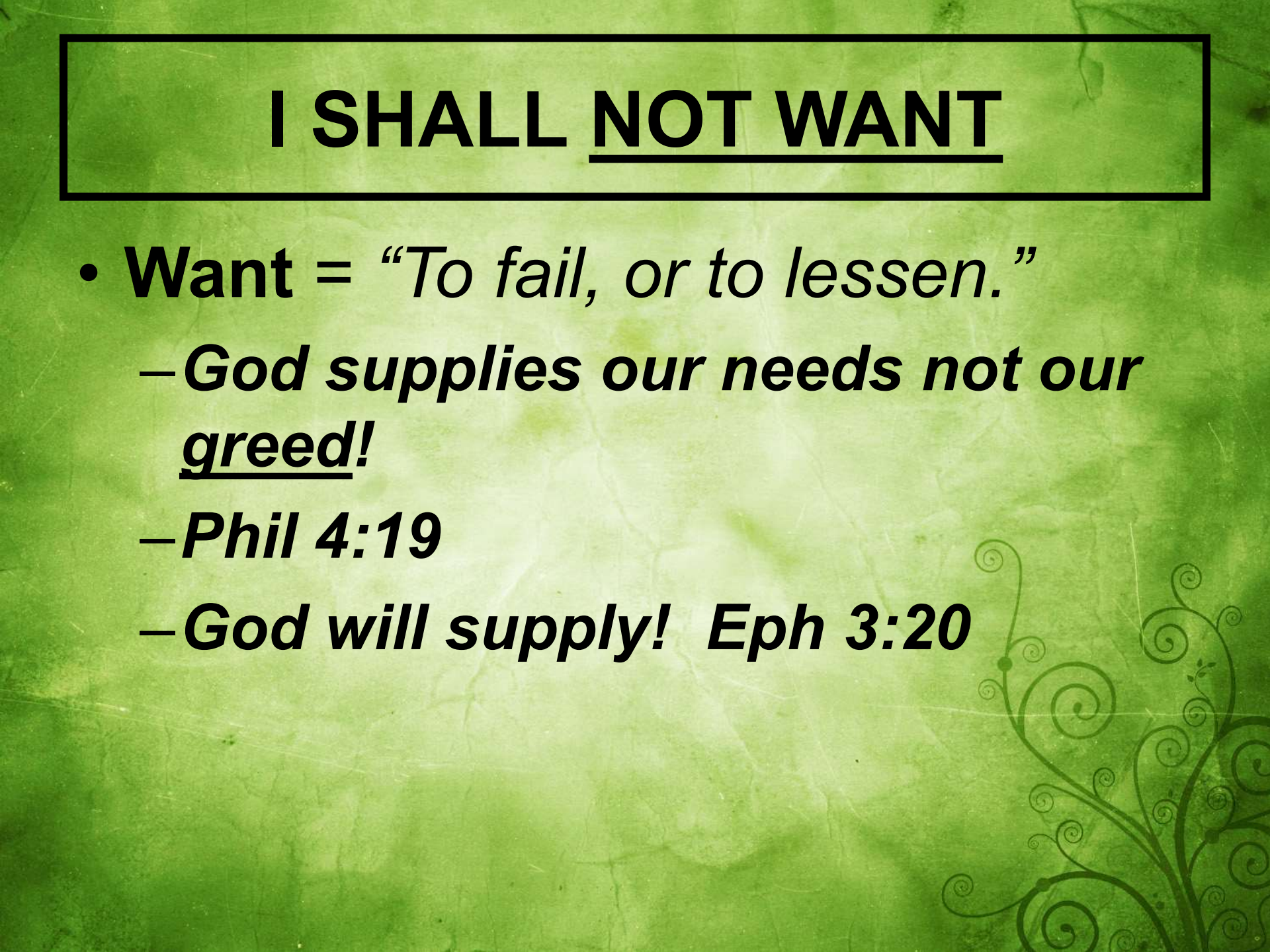
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 - PERSONAL NAME FOR GOD.
- SHEPHERD
 - Very personal
 - *Abba Father – Mark 14:36*

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- **Personal Relationship.**
- ***17 times in 6 verses!***



I SHALL NOT WANT

- **Want = “To fail, or to lessen.”**
 - **God supplies our needs not our greed!**
 - **Phil 4:19**
 - **God will supply! Eph 3:20**
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“Lie down in green pastures.”

- **Lie** = “Crouch down on all 4’s.”
- **Green Pastures** =
 - “Tender grasses.”




“He leads me beside still waters.”

- **He leads**
 - Keeps moving!
- **Still waters**
 - Fearful of fast moving water



"he leads me beside still waters" Psalm 23:2

“He Restores My Soul.”

- Restores = “*Revives, converts.*”
 - Soul (Heb) = Spiritual part.
 - Always provides *way of escape!*
I Cor 10:13
 - Must follow His lead!
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*“He Leads me in Paths of
Righteousness.”*

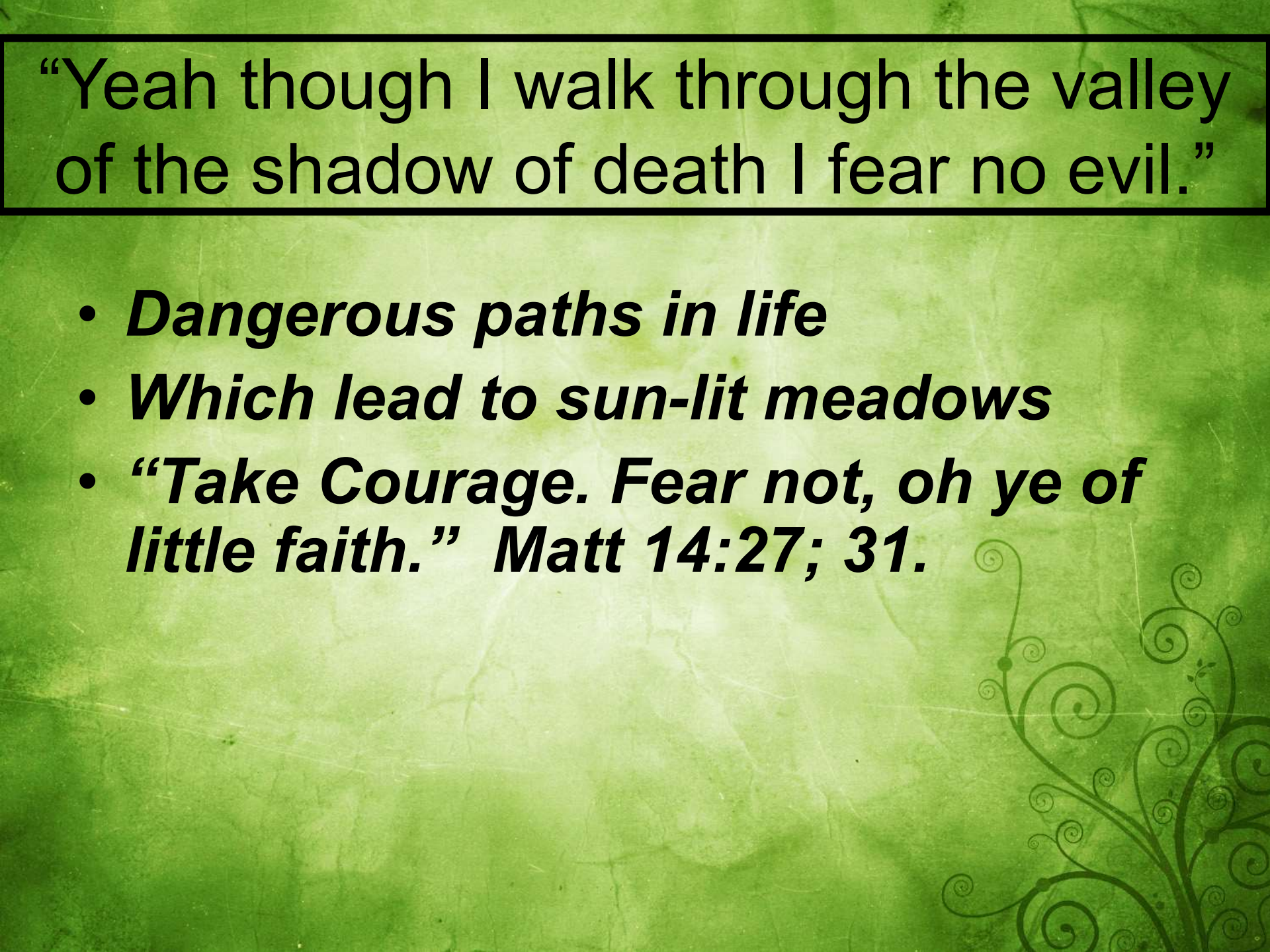


“FOR HIS NAME’S SAKE.”

- Lit. ***“On account of His reputation.”***
- ***Shepherd has integrity and God’s reputation is at stake.***



**“Yeah though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death I fear no evil.”**

- ***Dangerous paths in life***
 - ***Which lead to sun-lit meadows***
 - ***“Take Courage. Fear not, oh ye of little faith.” Matt 14:27; 31.***
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For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

- STAFF = SUPPORT
 - “Shepherd’s crook.”
 - Catch strays
 - Sheep walk under..





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- ROD = PROTECTION
 - “Short club.”
 - Destroy enemies!



“Prepares a table for me in the presence of mine enemies.”

- Prepare: “Fully equipped.”
- Provides with enemies present.
- 21st Century do we recognize our enemy?

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (I Peter 5:8).

“Thou anointed my head with oil,
my cup overflows.”

- **Oil – “aids in healing.”**
- **“Anoints” = *Honor and recognition***
- **Cup = “Lot in life.”**
– ***Contentment!***



“Goodness and mercy will follow me all the day of my life.”

- ***Goodness = “Good things.”***
- ***Mercy = “Loving Kindness.”***



**“I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.”**

- ***House = “Dwelling in the desert where travelers find rest, refreshment, and good company.”***
- ***“Oasis” in the desert of sorrow and sin.***

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KEY:

–“*The Lord is my Shepherd.*”



–Can you say, “The Lord is *my* shepherd?”