




A YEAR OF
Restoration

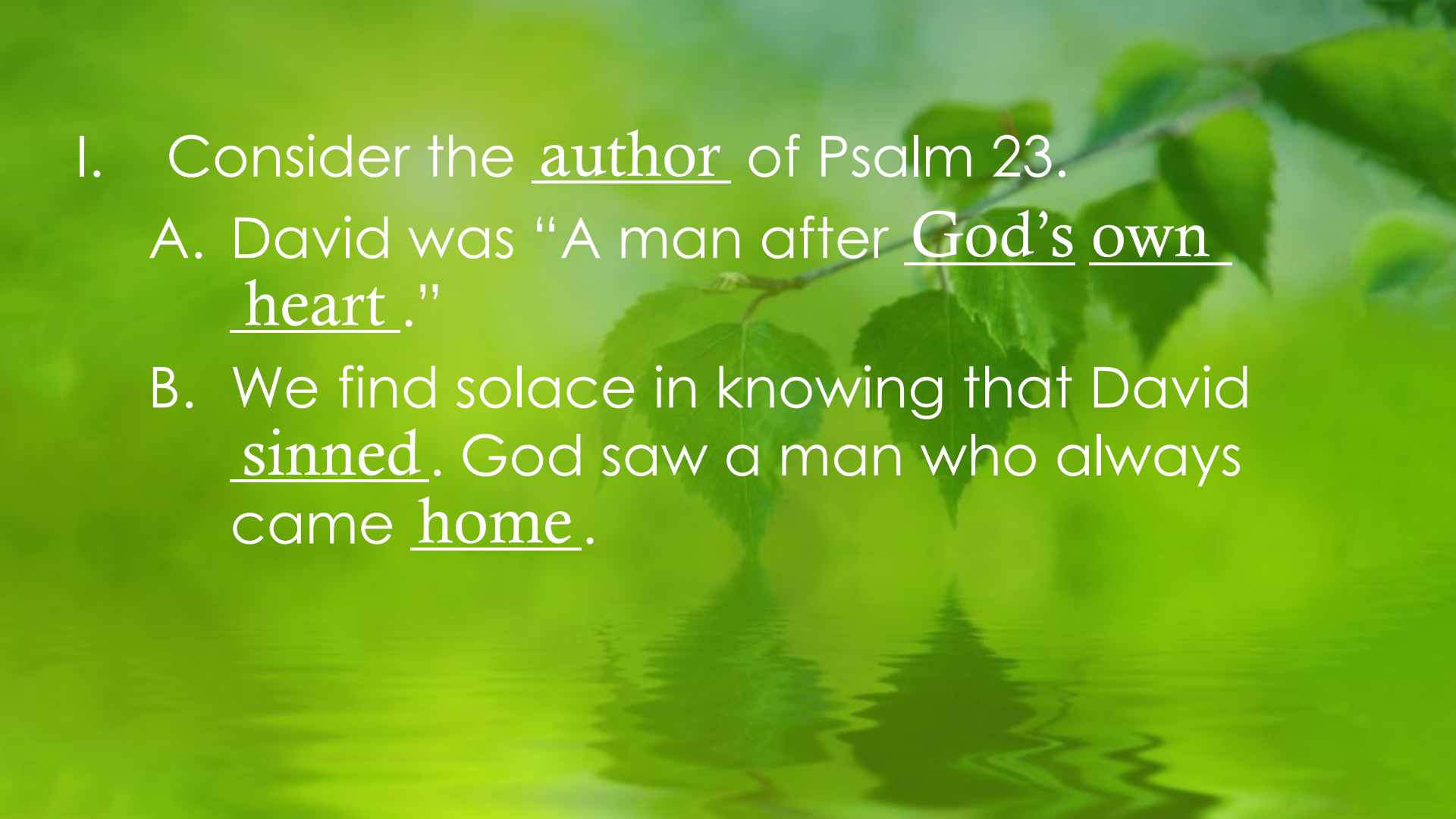
PSALM 23:3

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Restores
MY SOUL



The Lord, who is MY Shepherd...
He restores MY soul.

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- I. Consider the author of Psalm 23.
- A. David was “A man after God’s own heart.”
- B. We find solace in knowing that David sinned. God saw a man who always came home.

Psalm 23

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.

Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

II. Consider the context of Psalm 23:

A. Keil and Delitzsch suggest Psalm 23 was written while hiding out from Absalom.

B. Now the literary context:

Psalm 22, 23, and 24 form a trilogy.

- Psalm 22 has Messianic prophecy written all over it.
- Then Psalm 23... is a declaration of God's shepherd-like care.
- Psalm 24 is a victorious declaration and confession of the King of Glory!



III. Consider the message of restoration in Psalm 23.

A. The Lord is MY Shepherd! I am HIS sheep.

B. My Shepherd restores my soul.

Barnes Commentary: “It refers to (your) spirit when exhausted, weary, or sad; and the meaning is, that God quickens or vivifies the spirit when thus exhausted... The heart, thus exhausted, He re-animates. He brings back its vigor. He encourages it; excites it to new effort; fills it with new joy.”



Restoration in 2021 is an invitation to

trust,

confess,

be righteous,

endure,

be assured,

be confident.

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