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THE OLD TESTAMENT

I & II Kings Genesis **1** & II Chronicles Isaiah Exodus Leviticus Ezra Numbers Nehemiah Deuteronomy Esther Joshua Job Judges **PSALMS** Ruth Proverbs **Ecclesiastes** I & II Samuel

Song of Solomon Obadiah Jonah Jeremiah Micah Lamentations Nahum Ezekiel Habakkuk Zephaniah Daniel Haggai Hosea Zechariah Joel Malachi Amos

I. Stanza 1 theme: The Lord is my shepherd. A. A shepherd does everything in their power to ensure the sheep have what they <u>need</u>. B. We expect <u>restoration</u> because the Good Shepherd is at work. • He <u>makes</u> me lie down in green pastures.

- He <u>leads</u> me to still waters.
- He guides me to paths of righteousness.

I. Stanza 1 theme: The Lord is my shepherd.

C. Having our souls restored doesn't mean <u>hardships</u> will disappear.

II. Stanza 2 theme: God is with us. A. Pain and difficulty <u>persist</u>. B. And yet since God is with me: • I can face those hardships and not <u>fear</u>. I can know His rod and staff are protecting me.

• I can be sure God will <u>comfort</u> me.

III. Stanza 3 theme: God's goodness and mercy follow us <u>forever</u>. A. God prepares a table in the presence of our enemies. • Restoration doesn't mean the <u>removal</u> of difficulty. • God is preparing a heavenly table for us. III. Stanza 3 theme: God's goodness and mercy follow us <u>forever</u>.

B. He anoints my head with oil, my cup overflows.

• Here and now I experience God's <u>blessing</u>.

III. Stanza 3 theme: God's goodness and mercy follow us <u>forever</u>.



Goodness and mercy will keep
<u>following</u> believers

- <u>All</u> the days of my life
- D. I will dwell in the house of the Lord <u>forever !!!</u>

