

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why was David called “a man after God’s own heart?”  
Could God call **you** “a man after His own heart”?
2. What is necessary in our lives for God to be able to work in us? [SoF:7,8]
3. Why is the 23rd Psalm so special? Why could David so beautifully describe the Lord as Shepherd?
4. When reading Psalm 24 and David’s recognition of Jesus as sovereign, how does our faith compare with David’s?
5. Describe some of the word-pictures of the Psalm 23 as they relate to our relationship to God.

### SUMMARY:

In our lesson, Jesus is recognized first, in prophecy, as Savior. Today we know of the fulfillment of these things. Yet even for us faith must be exercised to believe these things. How much greater faith was necessary on David’s part to believe and also leave a testimony of his faith. His life is a living testimony to all of us. His faith in God is what’s so outstanding.

He knew too, the wonderful leading of Jesus as shepherd and gave us the beautiful 23rd Psalm to portray this. David could well describe the office of a shepherd because he had been one. He knew the care that a shepherd would have for his sheep and knew the reaction of sheep to the gentle care of the shepherd.

David also recognized the Lord as being over all things and knew that all was in His hands. He knew that man’s strength was nothing and that victory in battle and in the many distresses of life was in the strength and power of the Lord. May we each one learn the place that Jesus should have in our lives and then let Him have that proper place!

### NOTES:

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[SoF:7] We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

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### OUR MAGNIFICENT CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Psalm 22:1-31; 23:1-6; 24:1-10*

**LESSON SETTING:** (?)

**TIME:** (?)

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#### I. THE SAVIOR. Psalm 22:1-31

- A. Forsaken (vs. 1) Psalm 10:1; Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34
- B. Scorned (vs. 7-8) Matthew 27:39-40; Mark 15:29-31
- C. Wounded (vs. 16) Isaiah 53:5, 7; Zechariah 12:10; Matthew. 27:35; John 19:34; 20:25; Revelation 1:7

#### II. THE SHEPHERD. Psalm 23:1-6

- A. Leads to Spiritual Food and Water (vs. 2) Jeremiah 3:15; Ezekiel 34:14; John 6:51
- B. Restores the Soul (vs. 3) Psalm 51:12; Micah 7:19
- C. Leads in Right Paths (vs. 3) Psalm 119:35; Hebrews 12:13
- D. A Source of Confidence (vs. 4) Psalm 31:19
- E. Super Abundant Blessings (vs. 5-6) Malachi 3:10; Matthew 14:20

#### III. THE SOVEREIGN. Psalm 24:1-10

- A. Lord of the Earth (vs. 1) Leviticus 25:23; Psalm 50:10
- B. Access to the Lord (vs. 3-4) Isaiah 26:2; John 10:9; Revelation 3:8
- C. Sovereignty of God (vs. 7-10) 2 Chronicles 20:6; 1 Timothy 1:17; Revelation 19:6

**GOLDEN TEXT: WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE.**

Psalm 24:8

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Psalm 91:1-16

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 31:20; Proverbs 18:10;  
Hebrews 1:13-14; 1 Peter 5:7

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Early Life of David

**TOPIC:** GOD'S CARE FOR US

**INTRODUCTION:**

The promise of salvation through Jesus Christ is reserved for those who submit their lives to God. "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." (Psalm 34:18) When people come to God in this way, repentant and remorseful for their life of sin and their failure to submit to God's will, God graciously brings each of these people into a new life.

To continue in God's promises we must remain close to Him. We must continue to "dwell in the secret place of the most High" so that we can abide under the protecting shadow of the Almighty. Our desire then is to live godly lives. The fact is that we cannot live godly lives unless we are separated from the world and remain close to Him. Only then can He deliver us. Only then can His way of truth become a shield for us.

He promises deliverance from fear and protection from the evils of the day. We have the assurance of His divine presence to go with us in the form of the Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us. His Word assures us that even the angels are ministering spirits to watch over us. (Hebrews 1:14)

Knowing the blessedness of the salvation of God we can only wonder how people can neglect so great salvation. How can such persons escape God's judgment?

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christ desires to be the Savior, Guide and Master of all men.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS; MY GOD; IN HIM WILL I TRUST.* Psalm 91:2

David often experienced the power of God. He saw enemies delivered into his hands by this power. He saw God win battles for him. He knew of God's calling and now he gives testimony of his trust in God. Those who are fearful cannot find real rest and comfort. Often people even fear to fall asleep, or they have a fear of the future, or a fear of the unknown.

When our trust is in the Lord, He becomes a means of protection, a real refuge, a wall around us to keep us from the dangers of this life, and specifically to keep us from the fiery darts of the wicked one. When David was close to God, victory was his. We too experience victory through Christ, but only as long as we remain close to Him. Let us remain within the protection of Jesus as our fortress.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 4 – 10**

- Mon. \*God's Promise of Help. Psalm 91:1-7
- Tue. \*The Reason for God's Help. Psalm 91:8-16
- Wed. The Source of our Help. Psalm 121:1-8
- Thu. The Need for God's Help. Psalm 124:1-8
- Fri. The Joy of God's Help. Psalm 126:1-6
- Sat. Trusting God for Help. Psalm 127:1-5
- Sun. The Blessing of God's Help. Psalm 128:1-6

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