

Psalm 23 - Guides Me

The dictionary defines a person who is a guide in this way: "One who shows the way by leading directing, or advising, usually by reason of his greater experience with the course to be pursued." Jesus Christ is the ultimate guide.

God has always provided guidance by people He has chosen to lead, His chosen ones. Noah, Abraham, Moses, John the Baptist, Jesus' disciples are but a few examples. His Word has always been the written guide for His people of all time. That Word will always do what God set it out to do as spoken of in Isaiah 55:11: "*so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*" As true God and true man Jesus has experienced everything that we might ever live through.

A guide almost never leaves those whom he/she is guiding to their own devices. Jesus does not let His people ever alone to fend for themselves. In Deuteronomy 31:6 God promises Joshua as he is about to take the leadership of Israel from Moses: "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*" When Jesus was about to ascend into heaven He assures His disciples with the words of Matthew 28:20: "*surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" Those promises are good today as they were on the day they were spoken because God has kept every promise He has ever made.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, help me to experience your daily guidance. Guide me into Your Word on a daily basis. Help me to be in constant communication with you in prayer. Help me come to hear your Word and receive Your Sacraments in worship services. Amen.