

Today's Scripture verse contains two astounding facts.

First, the Lord guides us in the right paths, knows how to direct us, and shows us the decisions that are best. Just as a shepherd goes before his flock, so the Lord goes before you. He prepares the future for you, and He leads you into opportunities He has arranged. It is like the old hymn says: "He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me."

Second, He leads us for the sake of His own glory - for His own Name's sake. Yes, He wants what is best for us, but He intends to gain glory for Himself in the process. He doesn't lead us to glorify us, but to glorify Himself!

What does this mean for us in practical terms? It means we should offer our *total* lives to God, seek His guidance in every decision, and use every opportunity to serve Him, whilst always giving Him all the praise, honour and glory. To believers, Psalm 23 is to live a life of victory, a life of peace, joy and hope, a life triumphant in prayer, in Bible study, and in service.

Psalm 23:3 "He leads me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake."