



# When MORE Isn't Enough

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**Quickly jot down some of the characteristics or attributes of God that immediately come to mind, such as “holy” or “wise.” ?**

**How might your view of what God is like affect the way you live when life is going the way you want it to?**

The Bible uses many different metaphors to describe God. Many of them highlight God’s holiness, wisdom and glory. The Bible compares God to a lion, an eagle, the sun, a light, a fountain, a rock, a tower, and a shield — all similes and metaphors meant to help us understand who God is and what He is like. In Psalm 23, David personally relates to God as his Shepherd. This is important because it gives you insight into how you can relate to God on a personal level.

**READ [PSALM 23:1-4](#).**

**What do you think is significant about David’s use of the personal pronouns “me” and “my” throughout Psalm 23?**

There was a temptation in Ancient Israel to speak only about “our” God and neglect to recognize that the God of Israel is also the God of individuals. This Psalm should remind you that you can go to God as your personal Shepherd who cares about your individual needs.

**What does verse 2 tell you about how God cares for your needs?**

**What does a shepherd do with His staff and his rod (v. 4)?**

A shepherd carried a “rod” to club down wild animals (1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 23:21) and a staff to guide and sometimes discipline the sheep. These two tools remind us of God’s constant and comprehensive protection and guidance. God has promised to do whatever it takes to lead, guide, and protect you.

**Why might you find comfort and reassurance in God’s rod and staff (v. 4)?**

**How do these two images help you “fear no danger” even while walking through the “darkest valley”?**