

Lesson 7 – Psalm 23:3b
“He Leadeth Me in the Paths of Righteousness for His Name’s Sake” – Part 2

Why does He restoreth our souls? So that He can leadeth us in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

1. “in the paths of righteousness”:

- a. In the Hebrew Bible = “*ma gal*” = a _____ path.
- b. In the LXX = τρίβους = Fem, Pl, Acc of τρίβος:
 - 1) “of a _____ that is _____ and well-worn” – BDAG.
 - 2) fig. = “of established _____ of _____” – BDAG.
 - 3) Only used 3x in NT and all concerning the _____ of John the Baptist:
 - a) “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his _____ straight (straight forward, _____, _____, sincere)” (Matt 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4).
 - b) Remember the Lord’s testimony concerning John the Baptist?

“For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a _____ than John the Baptist” (Luke 7:28).
- c. So what will one who is being led by the Good Shepherd in the paths of righteousness look like? According to the life of John the Baptist:
 - 1) He will have no lack of _____ (i.e. He will not have a _____ problem).
 - a) John had learned that there is not an “___” in Jesus.
 - b) “Follow Jesus _____ me” – John 1:35-37.
 - c) “I’m not _____ to baptize you” – Matt 3:13-14.
 - 2) He will understand and accept his _____ and _____.
 - a) John was _____-centered and not _____-centered.
 - b) “I must _____ so He can _____” – John 3:28-30.
 - 3) He will completely _____ his will to God’s will.

- a) John did not have an _____ problem – John 1:33.
 - b) John was _____ exactly what God _____ him to do – Luke 3:2-3.
- 4) He will boldly _____ the Gospel message.
- “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).
- 5) He will _____ for what is right and _____ it to others – Luke 3:10-14, 18.
 - 6) He will not be _____ to speak out against _____:
 - a) Whether against false _____ and _____ – Matt 3:7-12.
 - b) Or whether against _____:
 - 1] **Read Matt 14:3-4.**
 - 2] “said unto him” = Imp, A, Ind = “he _____ or _____ said.”
 - 7) He will be willing to suffer _____, including _____ for the Lord.
 - a) John spent _____ living in the _____ eating locust and honey dressed in animal skins– Luke 1:80.
 - b) John was _____ – Matt 14:3.
 - c) John was _____ – Matt 14:10.
 - 8) He will accomplish _____ for the kingdom of God.
 - a) John _____ many to the Lord – Luke 1:16.
 - b) John _____ a people prepared for the Lord – Luke 1:17.
 - 9) And because of 1-8, he will bring great _____ upon the Lord, which brings us to the end of the verse.

2. “for his name’s sake.”

- a. In other words, “For His _____.”
- b. Everything that God does, He does for two reasons: our _____ and His _____ (see 2 Cor. 4:15).

1) For our _____:

a) **Read Ps 1:1-3.**

b) **Prov 10:3** – “The LORD will not _____ the soul of the righteous to _____: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.”

c) **Prov 10:6** – “_____ are upon the head of the _____: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.”

d) **Prov 11:27-28** – “He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the _____ shall _____ as a branch.”

e) **Prov 13:15** – “...the way of transgressors is _____.”

f) **Prov 16:20** – “...and whoso trusteth in the LORD, _____ is he.”

g) **Read Ps 37:23-25.**

2) **For His _____:**

a) To _____ God means:

1] To _____ with praise and honor.

2] To cause His dignity and worth to become _____ and _____.

3] “Ascribing to Him His full _____” – Zod.

b) The driving force behind all that Jesus did and continuous to do is the _____ of the Father.

c) It should be _____ different for _____.

1] **1 Cor 10:31** – “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do _____ to the _____ of God.”

2] **1 Pet 4:11** – “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in _____ things may be _____ through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

3. Does your life _____ John the Baptist’s life? Are you _____ the Lord to lead you in the paths of righteousness? Are you _____ God in all that you do?