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THE STAND
DAVID'S LORD
PSALM 23

A world, upside down, chaotic, turbulent, violent, fearful and hateful desperately needs to hear and abide by the eternal words of David.

More than ever, this world needs the LORD as the Shepherd, the infallible, all knowing, all seeing guide through this life. When God guides, there is no want, or need.

The Lord God as Shepherd knows exactly where the green pastures are which anyone needs. He and only He knows the way to the still waters.

When today's souls are rent asunder, the Great Shepherd restores those souls, heals them and makes them whole. The Shepherd leads then his children, his lambs in the paths of righteousness. The Shepherd moves people to the right.

So then, there is nothing to fear, not even death, or the shadow of death. Nor should any righteous man or woman following the Shepherd fear anything or anyone evil. Evil can never ultimately triumph over good, never. No matter how painful, difficult the trials and tribulations, the support and structure of the Great Shepherd conquers all. Even Enemies! So that peace is made with our enemies and we can dine with them, tables and cups abundant and running over!

With the Great Shepherd at our side, goodness and mercy will be our companions all the days of our lives no matter the nuclear bombs, AIDS, SARS, or any other plague or devastation THE LORD GOD JEHOVAH IS WITH US!

He dwells with us now and he invites us to dwell in His House now and forever. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

When the next headline proclaims the evil and hatred of this world, remember the goodness and mercy of His world. They will follow us all the days of our lives if we are led by the Great Shepherd.

Thank you, David.