

The God of My Valleys

The Goodness of God Series – Part 7

Psalm 23:4

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Psalm 100:5

**5 For the Lord is always good.
He is always loving and kind,
and his faithfulness goes on
and on to each succeeding
generation.-- (TLB)**

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

Psalm 23:4

**4 Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for
you are with me; your rod and
your staff, they comfort me.--
(NIV)**

1 Kings 20:28

28 The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, "This is what the LORD says: 'Because the Arameans think the LORD is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the LORD.'

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Universal Truths About Valleys

1. Valleys Are Part of Life.

Deuteronomy 11:11¹¹ Rather, the Promised Land you will soon take over is a land of hills and valleys with plenty of rain--- (NLT)

1 Peter 4:12

¹² My dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful test you are suffering, as though something unusual were happening to you.-- (GNB)

2. Valleys Happen To Everyone

Psalm 34:19¹⁹ The good man does not escape all troubles—he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each and every one.-- (TLB)

3. Valleys Are Unpredictable

**Proverbs 27:1¹ Don't brag
about tomorrow, since you
don't know what the day
will bring.-- (NLT)**

Types of Valleys To Expect

(Several Significant Valleys in the Bible)

1. The Valley of Siddim .

Genesis 14:10¹⁰ The valley was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah tried to run away from the battle, they fell into the pits;-- (GNB)

A. This Is the Valley of Failure

1.) A Place to **Slip** _____.

2.) A Place to **Fall** _____.

3.) A Place to **Get Stuck** _____.

**B. How Do You End Up Here?
Running From Something** _____.

2. The Valley of Eschol.

Numbers 13:23²³ When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.-- (NIV)

²⁷ This was their report to Moses: “We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. ²⁸ But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, . . . “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” . . . Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!”-- (NLT)

Numbers 13:27–33



A. This Is The Valley of Fear.

B. Do You See an Obstacle or an
Opportunity.

3. The Valley of Elah.

1 Samuel 17:2–4² Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. ³ So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them. ⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall!

1 Samuel 17:11¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.-- (NLT)

A. This Is The Valley of **Conflict**.

B. This The Valley of **Giants**.



4. The Valley of Baca.

Psalm 84:5–7⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.-- (NIV)

**This Is the Valley of
Grief & Barrenness.**

What To Remember In The Valley



1. Remember You're Not Alone – God Is With You.

**Psalm 23:4⁴ Even though I
walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil, for you are
with me;**

Isaiah 43:2

² When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.-- (NLT)

Psalm 73:28

**As for me, God's presence
is all I need! I've made the
sovereign Lord my shelter.
(TNB)**

2. Remember God Has a Good Plan For Your Valley.

Romans 5:3–5³ Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance, character, and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.-- (NET)

Hosea 2:15

**15 I will transform the
Valley of Trouble into a
gateway of hope. (NLT)**

3. Remember The Reward Will Last Forever.

2 Corinthians 4:17 ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they are producing in us an eternal glory that will last forever and is greater than anything we can imagine.

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