Psalm 23:4
Walking Through The Valley of the Shadow of Death
The Place

- Lit = “the valley of deepest darkness”
- Generic: Underworld; grave; dungeon, cave; pathless desert; mineshaft; blinding storm; any place of danger; affliction fear; terror
- Illus: Daniel in Lion’s Den; Before fiery furnace; Peter around the fire; Paul shipwrecked; Jesus in the Garden
The Person

- Personal language change: “YOU are with me…”
- Jesus is NOT a “hireling”: John 10:11-15
- Jesus IS the “Good Shepherd”: John 10:14-16

“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart…”

Isaiah 40:11
The Peace

- Peace: Lit = quietness; rest; to be set at one again; calm of spirit and mind

- Peace WITH God: Rom 1

- Peace OF God: Phil 4:4-7

“The closer we walk to our shepherd the safer we are, and the more His peace will fill our hearts.”

Warren Wiersbe
Reflections

Do you KNOW the Good Shepherd, so well that you experience His personal presence?

Do you have peace WITH God tonight?

Do you have the peace OF God ruling in your heart?