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A Psalm of David - God's Part & Our Part

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

God's part is to be God and be a faithful, providing shepherd.
My part is to trust in the Lord and receive from his hand.

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

God's part is to lead me and give me rest.
My part is to follow my Shepherd and to rest in the Lord.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

God's part is to restore and to lead me in righteousness.
My part is to rest in the Lord and to faithfully follow him.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

God's part is to protect me from evil; though evil may test me.
My part is to fear not, walk by faith, and receive his comfort.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

God's part is to provide and to refresh abundantly.
My part is to receive and be refreshed by his gracious hand.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

God's part is to always give goodness and mercy all my life.
My part is to walk with the Lord every day my entire life.

Both of our parts are to (in Christ) dwell together forever!

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