

Psalm 23:4—We Can Trust Him in the Valley

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Between the two hilltops is usually a _____. This verse about the dark valley between two hills is the _____ verse of the Psalm.

Even though I walk

Just like veterans that have been through the battle, Christians who have been through these times with God have learned to _____ on Him, learned not to be _____ and to _____ their shepherd. They have learned not to _____ through the valley, and risk hurting themselves or others, but to calmly _____ through it in _____. They have learned to trust in the _____ of God (Isaiah 43:2)

Through the valley

Valleys do not continue on _____. we are walking _____ it.

of the shadow of death

If it's the valley of darkest shadow, is it so dark that the _____ of God cannot penetrate it and bring us through? No.

If these words literally mean the valley of the shadow of _____, then as Christians, we are supposed to be _____ ourselves to **20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

For the Christian, death is _____ of it's victory. There is no sting in death, because death's power is because of sin, and all of our sin has been _____ for by Jesus on the cross. So, as Christians, we face only the _____ of death, a thing robbed of its power to really _____ us.

I will fear no evil,

If you truly _____ God, then you need not _____ anything else. This means that if you really understand even a bit of the awesome power and _____ that is found in God, you have nothing to fear.

_____ and _____ cannot exist together. 1st John: 4:18 **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.**

God sometimes allows trials in order to _____ and develop our faith. When David volunteered to fight against _____, he said, "**The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine**" (1 Samuel 17:37). Without the _____ of the bear and the lion, there is no success against the giant Goliath.

So how can we learn to increase in faith and decrease in fear? Romans 10:17 says **So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.** You're not going to _____ someone you don't _____, and you're not going to _____ God without carefully _____ His _____ for yourself.

[For You are with me.](#)

In verse 4 David begins speaking to God directly, saying "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death _____ are with me" (Psalms 23:4). Here in the _____ is when our Shepherd Jesus is the _____ to us.

In those words, "for You are with me" rest the faith of the Christian. Words are only worth what the _____ of the person speaking them makes them worth. It was because the _____ who cannot lie said to Joshua in chapter 1 verse 5 **5 No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you** that Joshua was made strong and courageous.

It because of the _____ of Jesus, that we can believe Him, as the author of Hebrews reminds us in Hebrews 13:5b **for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."**