

Psalm 23

Laid out to show the chiastic parallel structure:

- Verses 1 & 6 refer to God's unending care for us
- Verses 2 & 5 refer to God's provision of food and drink: His hospitality toward us.
- Verses 3 & 4b refer to God's guidance of us
- Verse 4a is the heart of the Psalm
- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
 - 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
 - 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
 - 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 - 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
 - 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.