

The saint has :

- A happy life, verse 1 ;
- A happy death, verse 4 ; and
- A happy eternity, verse 6.

Note the five things which the Lord does for the soul :

1. He pastures my soul.
2. He waters my soul.
3. He restoreth my soul.
4. He leadeth my soul.
5. He comforteth my soul.

Look at the abiding places in this Psalm :

1. Green pastures. 2. Beside still waters. 3. Paths of righteousness. 4. Valley of the shadow of death. 5. The house of the Lord forever.

Or, if we analyze it in a still different form, we have :

Possession — my Shepherd.

Provision — not want.

Position — lie down.

Pastures — tender (green) grass, rich food.

Progress — walk.

Place — valley.

Presence — with me.

Protection — rod and staff.

Preparation — preparest, etc.

Plenty — running over.

Pursuing — follow (Heb. shall pursue).

Prospect — house of the Lord forever.

We do not wonder that an old divine said:
"Blessed is the day when Psalm 23 was born."

When Benjamin Parsons was dying, a friend