

“Shepherd”
S.O.A.P. Bible Study
August 17, 2008

S=Scripture: Psalm 23:4

O=Observation: After carefully reading this text, answer the following questions: What is the assumption about whether we can be expected to walk through valleys? What exactly shall we not fear? Look up Isaiah 43:1-3; what does this add to your understanding of Psalm 23:4? What reason is given that we would fear no evil? Sometimes “rod” is translated as “scepter” which is a symbol of rule and authority. A “staff” is seen more as an instrument of support. Knowing these meanings of rod and staff, how is God “with us” in the valley?

A=Application: How has God as Shepherd provided his rod of authority in your life and his staff of support? What valley are you presently in or have you gone through such that you need to take this passage to heart?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer based on your meditation on this passage: