The Lord Is Our Shepherd

Series: “God Sightings”, Part 6 of 8
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Big Idea: When the Lord is our Shepherd, we are truly ready to live life to the full because we know we’re ready to die.
Text: Psalm 23:1-6

Psalm 23 (KJV)

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

I. HE SHEPHERD’S US BY PROVIDING WHAT WE NEED TO FLOURISH.

Psalm 23:1, The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Philippians 4:12, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.”

A. Essential rest.

Psalm 23:2, “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.”

1. They have to be fed.
2. They must be confident.
3. They must be content.
4. They must be compatible.

B. Food and drink.

Psalm 23:2, “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.”

C. Soul restoration.

Psalm 23:3a, “He restoreth my soul.”

D. Guidance in life.

Psalm 23:3b, “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”

II. HE SHEPHERD’S US THROUGH THE EMOTIONAL STORMS OF LIFE.

A. Our Shepherd bolsters our courage.

Psalm 23:4a, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.”

Romans 8:38-39, For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B. Our Shepherd brings both comfort and correction.

Psalm 23:4b, “Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

III. HE SHEPHERD’S US INTO ETERNITY WITH AMPLE REWARDS.

Psalm 23:5-6, Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 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.