

**My Shepherd
Psalm 23**

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I. The Lord is my Shepherd. Psalm 23:1a

_____ – The Lord is my shepherd.

- *The various references to Jehovah as the Shepherd of Israel may be taken as specific references to _____.* (Walvoord)

Jesus is the _____ Shepherd (John 10:11), the _____ Shepherd (Heb 13:20) and the _____ Shepherd (1 Pet 5:4).

II. The Lord will Provide. Psalm 23:1b-2

_____ – The Lord will provide.

Philippians 4:19 *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:11 *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content...*

- *“Christian _____ is the God-given ability to be satisfied with the loving provision of God in any and every situation.”* (Charles Kelley)

III. The Lord who Heals. Psalm 23:3

- *“In Hebrew the words ‘restores my soul’ can mean ‘brings me to _____’ (or conversion).”* (Boice)

_____ – The Lord who heals.

- *“In body, by preserving from and curing diseases, and in soul, by pardoning _____.”* (gotquestions.org)

IV. The Lord is There. Psalm 23:4

- _____ the valley...not in it.
- It's just a _____.
- _____ is with you.

_____ – The Lord is there.

V. The Lord of Hosts. Psalm 23:5-6a

_____ – The Lord of Hosts

Psalm 46:7 *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our _____.*

VI. Practical Application

“The sweetest word of the whole is that monosyllable, ‘_____.’ (Spurgeon)

John 10:11 *I am the good _____.* **The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Psalm 23:1a**. Who is the LORD and what does it mean for Him to be your shepherd?
Genesis 2:4, Genesis 49:24, Isaiah 40:11, Psalm 80:1, John 10:11, Hebrews 13:20, 1 Peter 5:4
2. Read **Psalm 23:1b-2**. Austin said 'I shall not want' can have two meanings: 1) I shall not want because the Lord will provide. 2) I shall not want because I am satisfied. Discuss how both are related.
Philippians 4:11-13, Philippians 4:19, 1 Timothy 6:6-8, Job 1:21, Ecclesiastes 5:15, Hebrews 13:5
3. Read **Psalm 23:3**. *If we have a relationship with Christ, why would we need our soul restored? How does God restore us?*
John 21:15-19, Psalm 41:4, Psalm 42:5, Matthew 4:4, Psalm 119:103, John 6:63
4. Read **Psalm 23:4**. The question is not whether we will face valleys or not. The question is how will you get through the valleys?
John 16:33, Romans 5:3-5, Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 12:9, 2 Corinthians 4:17
5. Read **Psalm 23:5-6**. Phillip Keller states, *“Once the oil had been applied to the sheep's head, there was an immediate change in behavior.”* Discuss how this relates to us if oil is a picture of the Holy Spirit.
2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 4:22-24, Ephesians 5:1, Romans 8:14