

Psalm 23: 1-3 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Introduction:

- 1) Let's do a “word association”.
- 2) What does this short chapter in scripture suggest to you as you hear it?
- 3) Has the impact of this passage changed for you over the years?

I. What did this mean to them?

Shepherds were well known among them, important to their culture. David was called the “Shepherd King.”

- When they read that “The Lord is my Shepherd” what might that have suggested to them?
- I shall not want . . .?
- He makes me lie down . . .?
- He leads me beside still waters . . .?
- He restores . . .?
- He leads . . .?

II. So what does this mean to us?

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13: 20-21

Is there a comparable analogy to “shepherd” for us?

III. Now what do we do with this?

What do you need most from your Great Shepherd? Jesus wants to be your shepherd...

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:6

- Know you are in a relationship with Him.
- Know He can supply your needs.
- Find rest.
- Experience healing.
- Have His guidance.
- Be aware of His protection.
- Feel His presence.
- Have His blessing!