



The Good Shepherd

August 25, 2019

Palm 23:1-2

1. We need a good shepherd to show us the way.

The Lord is my shepherd....

Psalm 23:1

2. This shepherd has intimate knowledge of the needs of his sheep.

...I lack nothing...

Psalm 23:1

3. Engage truths and opportunities for growth.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.

Psalm 23:2

4. You are meant to be restored and whole.

He restores my soul.

Psalm 23:3

Action

Meditate on these questions:

Who or what do you allow to lead you? Where have you been led?

Even after this passage, what do you feel you still lack?

What truths and opportunities do you keep over-looking?

Why do you resist being fully restored in Christ?

Answers 1.good 2.intimate 3.truths 4. whole

Study

(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)

- **Monday** **2 Samuel 5:2**
- **Tuesday** **Isaiah 44:28**
- **Wednesday** **Micah 5:4**
- **Thursday** **Revelation 7:17**
- **Friday** **Hebrews 13:20**
- **Saturday** **1 Peter 5:4**

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Hebrews 4:12

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The Right Path

September 1, 2019

Palm 23:3

1. Just because it is a path it doesn't mean it is the right one.
2. The shepherd is attentive and involved.
He guides me ... **Psalm 23:3**
3. The right path:
...along the right paths.... **Psalm 23:3**
 - a. Honors God and others. **Matthew 22:37-40**
 - b. Is narrow. **Matthew 7:13-14**
4. God will only act to the perfection of his character.
Perfect love. Perfect grace. Perfect guidance.
...for his name's sake. **Psalm 23:3**

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Meditate on these questions:

What paths have you gone down in life that led to bad places?

*Do you feel like God is involved or passive in your life?
Why?*

How can you identify the wrongs paths in your life today?

How can understanding the character of God bring us a greater level of peace?

Answers 1.path 2. involved 3.right 4. perfection

Study

(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)

- **Monday** **1 Corinthians 10:13**
- **Tuesday** **1 John 1:5**
- **Wednesday** **2 Peter 3:9**
- **Thursday** **Genesis 1:1**
- **Friday** **James 1:17**
- **Saturday** **Psalm 18:30**

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Our Safety

September 8, 2019

Psalm 23:4

1. Valleys are inevitable-plan for them.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

- a. Length
- b. Depth
- c. Obstacles
- d. Vulnerable to attack

2. Evil has no power in the presence of Jesus.

I will fear no evil for you are with me...

- a. *Take heart, I have overcome the world.* John 16:33
- b. *...disarmed the powers and authorities...* Col. 2:15

3. Jesus is protector-Spirit is the guide.

..your rod and your staff...

4. When the Father is present-everything will be okay.

...they comfort me.

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Action

Meditate on these questions:

What valleys have you encountered? What did you do when you experienced them?

How do you respond to the fact that evil has no power over Jesus?

How can see Jesus as your protector?

How can you see the Spirit as guide?

Answers 1.inevitable 2. evil 3.guide 4. Father

Study

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- **Monday** **John 16:33**
- **Tuesday** **Colossians 2:15**
- **Wednesday** **2 Thessalonians 3:3**
- **Thursday** **Deuteronomy 31:6**
- **Friday** **Isaiah 41:10**
- **Saturday** **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

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A Place of Honor

September 15, 2019

Psalm 23:5

1. God thinks better of us than we do.

what is mankind that you are mindful of them...

Psalm 8:5

2. God cares for us in the midst of danger

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Psalm 23:5

a. Give us this day...

3. God gives honor to those undeserving.

This is grace.

You anoint my head with oil.

Psalm 23:5

4. In Christ we have abundant blessing-learn to recognize it.

...my cup overflows.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 23:5

Philippians 4:19

Action

Meditate on these questions:

On your best day how do you feel about yourself? How does it make you feel to know that God values you more?

Have you ever noticed God care in the midst of struggle? How?

Are you agreeable or annoyed regarding God's grace to the underserving?

What blessings are present in your life today?

Answers 1.better 2. cares 3. honor/grace 4. recognize

Study

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- **Monday** Psalm 67:7
- **Tuesday** Numbers 6:24-25
- **Wednesday** Philippians 4:6-7
- **Thursday** James 1:17
- **Friday** Jeremiah 17:7-8
- **Saturday** Isaiah 41:10

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Life of Perspective

September 22, 2019

Psalm 23:6

1. Goodness and mercy follow the obedient.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow (lit. pursue) me...

Psalm 23:6

2. God's promises do not expire.

All the days of my life...

Psalm 23:6

3. Learn to abide with God.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...

Remain in me as I also remain in you...

Psalm 23:6

John 15:4

4. Live your life in perspective of eternity.

...forever.

Psalm 23:6

Action

Meditate on these questions:

What does it mean to be obedient to God?

What is God's promise in this passage? How does God's promise differ from the promise of others?

How can you practice abiding (remainign) in God today?

What change can you make in your life today that will orient it more toward eternity?

Answers 1.obedient 2.expire 3.abide 4. eternity

Study

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- **Monday** **John 15:1-4**
- **Tuesday** **John 1**
- **Wednesday** **John 15:5-8**
- **Thursday** **John 15:9-16**
- **Friday** **Psalm 23:1-4**
- **Saturday** **Psalm 23:5-6**

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