

Sheepish: Peace

Wylie Methodist Church

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Psalm 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads 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 You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs 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 Forever. (NKJV)

For rest, the sheep must be free from:

- Fear of Attack
- Friction and Tension within the flock
- Aggravations
- Hunger

Luke 2:8

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

I. THE SHEPHERD OFFERS REST

“He makes me to lie down...”

True rest is found not just in inactivity, but in TRUSTING THE SHEPHERD.

Keller makes this observation:

“In the course of time I came to realize that nothing so quieted and reassured the sheep as to see me in the field.”

2. THE SHEPHERD SUPPLIES NOURISHMENT

“...in green pastures”

God nourishes our souls through His Word, prayer, and His presence.

3. THE SHEPHERD PROVIDES PEACE

“He leads me beside the still waters”

Jeremiah 2:13

[The Lord declares] “My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

John 4:10,14

10 Jesus answered her, “[I am the] living water.” 11-13... 14... whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”