

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1-6

Key Verse: 23:1

* SHEPHERD AND SHEEP (1-4)

1. What was David's confession of faith in verse 1? What are the basic duties of a shepherd? What did it mean to David that the Lord was his shepherd? (see verse 2; 2 Sa.5:2)
 2. What do green pastures and quiet waters mean to sheep? What did this mean to David who lived a dangerous and insecure life? (1 Sa.23:7-14)
 3. Why do men need restoration of the soul? (cf. Ps.51) Why did David need forgiveness and restoration?
 4. What does it mean that our shepherd guides us in paths of righteousness? (see 2 Pet.1:4; Ro.1:5; Mk.1:17; Jn.21:15) What does it mean to live for his name's sake? How is this related to his restoring of our souls?
 5. What was David's fear problem? (verse 4) How did his shepherd solve it? (cf. Ac.2:25-31)
 6. What is the purpose of the rod and staff? How do they assure the sheep of the shepherd's love? What does this mean to us?
- * "YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME" (5,6)
7. Describe the victory feast which the Lord provides for his sheep. Think about how the Lord helped David. (2 Sa.8:6c, 8c; Ps.3:7,8) How can we live with a sense of victory in an age of despair?
 8. What was David's assurance about his future life in this world? About his eternal dwelling place? Why is it important to have this assurance?