



## Psalm 23

### *I. The Sheep and the Shepherd*

- Who He is
  - "the fact that Jesus is a shepherd is wonderful, but the fact that he can be my shepherd is based on him drawing me into a personal covenant relationship that predated me and that will outlast me." - David Gibson
- What He provides
  - I shall be supplied with everything I need
- Where He leads
  - Spiritual nourishment
  - The word of God
  - Water of life
  - In His presence
    - "whenever the shepherd is present it attracts the attention of the sheep and they quickly forget about their foolish rivalries and stop their fighting. The shepherd's presence made all the difference in their behavior."
    - "As soon as the point was reached where I felt the maximum benefit for both sheep and land was not being met the sheep were moved to a fresh field. On the average this meant they were put onto new ground almost every week"
- His reputation
- He guides and adjusts our paths
- Whose path are we following?
  - God's world vs world

- God's provision vs flesh

## *II. The Traveler and the Companion*

- How He Leads
  - Look for the light

## *III. The Guest and the Host*

- How He Welcomes
  - God gives lavishly
  - God gives us tools to be successful
  - God's love overflows
  - God is pursuing you vigorously!

## *Who do you say that God is?*

- "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... and they will listen to my voice" John 10:10-11,16
- *Who are you listening to, the thieves and robbers, or the Good Shepherd?*