



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: January 22, 2023

Theme: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Psalm: 23:6

Main Call of Psalm 23: Trust the Lord to shepherd your life.

Why?

1. The Lord provides us with everything we need (1–3).
2. The Lord protects us from every danger we face (4–5).
3. The Lord pursues us so that we may be with him eternally (6).
 - a. The Lord's pursuit stems from his nature (6a)
 - o Because God is the source of goodness, He desires to do good to us even when we wander.
 - o Because God loyally loves us, He faithfully delivers those in relationship with Him.
 - b. The Lord's pursuit encourages us to return to His house (6b).
 - o His pursuit enables our trust to return.
 - o Life's journey brings us to God's house.
 - o We possess eternal access.

Application Questions:

- In what ways does the Bible depict God as one who pursues us? Provide examples and explanations. What do these teach us about God?
- Why do you think the psalmist chose to pick the attributes of goodness and love to depict God's pursuit of us?
- What is unique and different about God's love for us? How should this impact the way that we act in love towards others?
- To what is the house of the Lord referring? What applications can we make to our own lives about returning to dwell in the Lord's house? Is this a future reality or present one for us? Explain.