

The Greatest Chapter?!

NKJV- *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

I. Our Shepherd Gives SATISFACTION! (v.1)

II. Our Shepherd Gives RESTORATION! (v.2)

III. Our Shepherd Gives DIRECTION! (v.3)

IV. Our Shepherd Gives PROTECTION! (v.4)

V. Our Shepherd Gives PROVISION! (v.5)

VI. Our Shepherd Gives CONVICTION! (v.6)

The Lord loves all of humanity, and has therefore chosen to REVEAL Himself to us in mercy:

- *This happens thru Creation, Conscience, and the Commandments of Scripture...*
- *The LORD reveals Himself thru >40 divine titles & names...*
- *The LORD-Our Banner; The LORD-Our Peace; The LORD-Our Righteousness...*
- *One of the greatest and most practical is “YHVH-Rohe” meaning “The LORD-Our Shepherd”*

A SHEPHERD is a very understood and recognizable idea,to the people of the Middle East during the time of king David... Even after the time of Jesus himself!

- **GOOD Shepherd-** *Jn 10:11*
- **GREAT Shepherd-** *Heb 13:21*
- **CHIEF Shepherd-** *1 Pet 5:4*

David looked at the LORD as the Shepherd who helped him, the Shepherd who guided him, the Shepherd who protected him, the Shepherd who provided for him...

I. Our Shepherd Gives SATISFACTION! (v.1) - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

- In His Shepherd, David found ***SATISFACTION!***
 - NLT-*"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need."*
 - Psalm 34:9-10- *"Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! ***There is no want to those who fear Him.*** The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing."*
 - Phil 4:11-13 NLT-*"***I have learned how to be content*** with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."*
- Jesus wants YOU to find ***SATISFACTION*** in Him, right now, in your current situation!
 - *Girl w cancer...*
 - *Joni E. Tada...*
 - *Nick V...*

In this psalm, David teaches us 5 GREAT REASONS we can find satisfaction in Jesus, for our lives today...

II. Our Shepherd Gives RESTORATION! (v.2) - "He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul."

- In His Shepherd, David found ***RESTORATION!***
 - NLT-*"He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength."*
 - Eze 34:14-15 NLT -*"Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. I myself will tend my*

sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign Lord."

○ **Psalm 19:7**NLT - *"The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.*

• **Jesus wants YOU to find RESTORATION in Him, right now, in your current situation!**

○ *Morning Devos...*

○ *Prayer Meetings...*

III. Our Shepherd Gives DIRECTION! (v.3) - **"He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake."**

• **In His Shepherd, David found DIRECTION!**

○ **NLT** - *"He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name."*

○ **Psalm 5:8**NLT - *"Lead me in the right path, O Lord, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow."*

○ **Psalm 78:52-53**NLT - *"..he led his own people like a flock of sheep, guiding them safely through the wilderness. 53 He kept them safe so they were not afraid.."*

• **Jesus wants YOU to find DIRECTION in Him, right now, in your current situation!**

○ *Morning prayer...*

○ *Continual prayer...*

IV. Our Shepherd Gives PROTECTION! (v. - **"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."**

• **In His Shepherd, David found PROTECTION!**

○ **NLT**- *"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me."*

- **Psalm 121:1-8**NLT - *"I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."*
- Jesus wants YOU to find **PROTECTION** in Him, right now, in your current situation!
 - Police & National Guard...
 - Personal wisdom...

V. Our Shepherd Gives PROVISION! (v.5) - *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over."*

In His Shepherd, David found PROVISION!

- **NLT**- *"You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings."*
- **Psalm 36:6-9**NLT - *"You care for people and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings. You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights. For you are the fountain of life.."*
- **Psalm 34:8-10**NLT - *"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing."*
- Jesus wants YOU to find **PROVISION** in Him, right now, in your current situation!
 - Your Christian Family here...
 - Your Christian Family in the US...

VI. Our Shepherd Gives *CONVICTION!* (v.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."*

- **In His Shepherd, David found a *CONVICTION!***
 - **NLT**-*"Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life.."*
- **1 Jn 4:8**-*"God is Love."*
- **Isa 6:3**-*"...Holy, Holy, Holy!!"*
- **James 1:12-17**-*"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone...Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow..."*
- **Jesus wants YOU to find this *CONVICTION* in Him, right now, in your current situation!**
 - His goodness during the Storm...
 - His goodness upon the Cross...