

A flock of sheep is gathered on a rocky ridge in a mountainous landscape. The sheep are in the foreground, some standing and some resting. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall tone is somber and majestic. The text is overlaid on the image.

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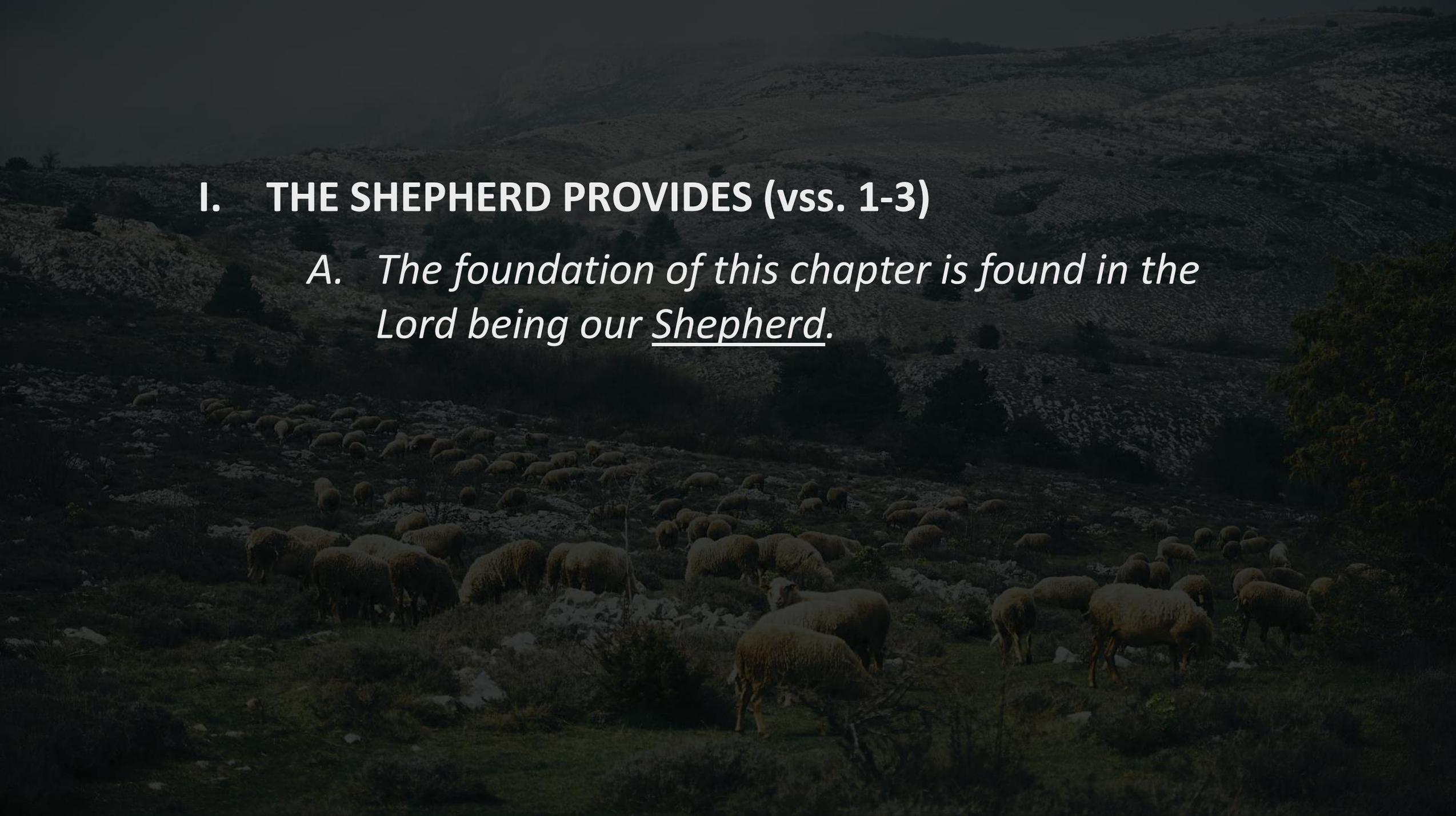
A dark, atmospheric landscape with a large flock of sheep grazing on a hillside. The scene is dimly lit, with the sheep appearing as a dense, textured mass against the darker background of the hills and sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

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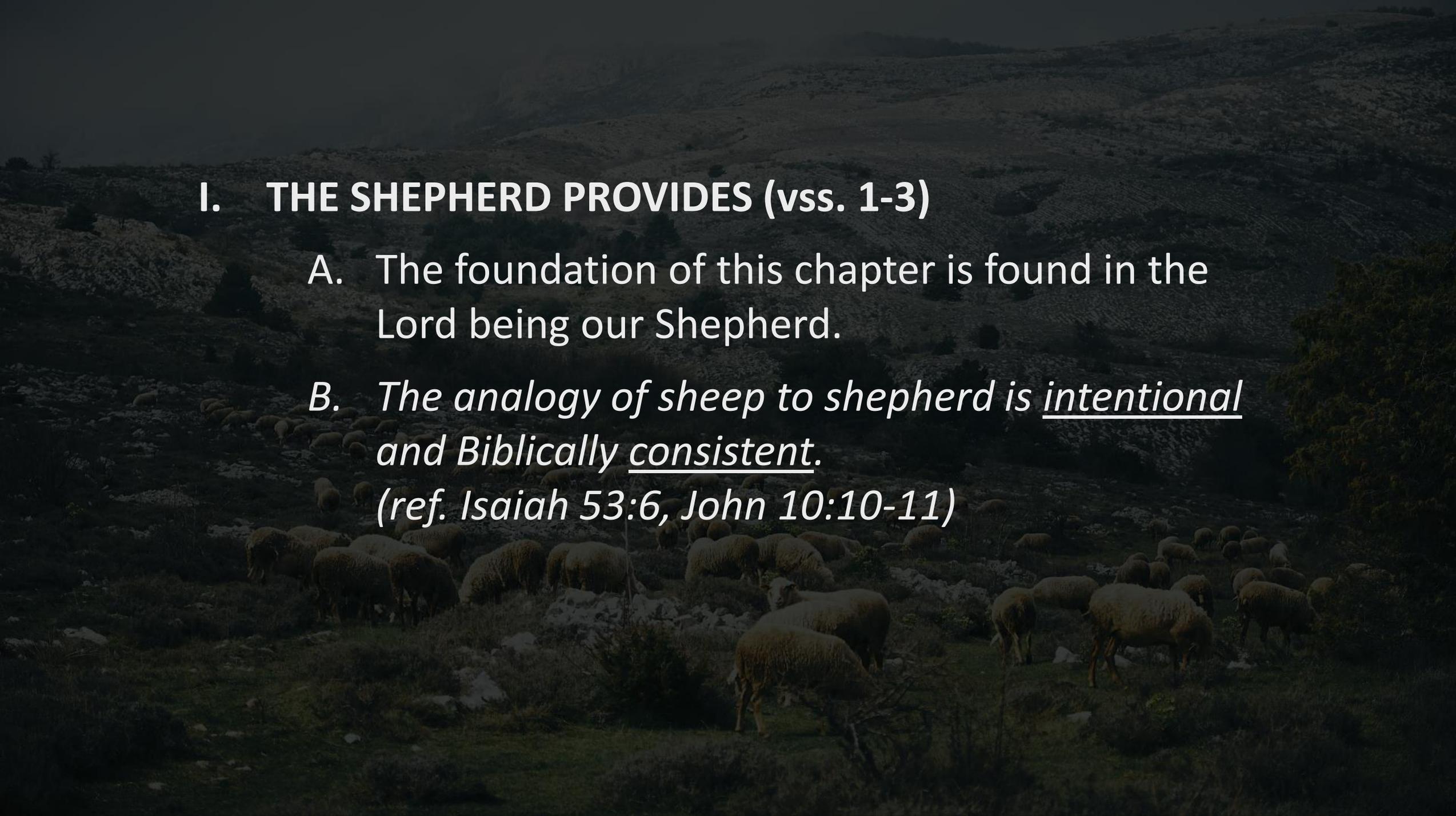
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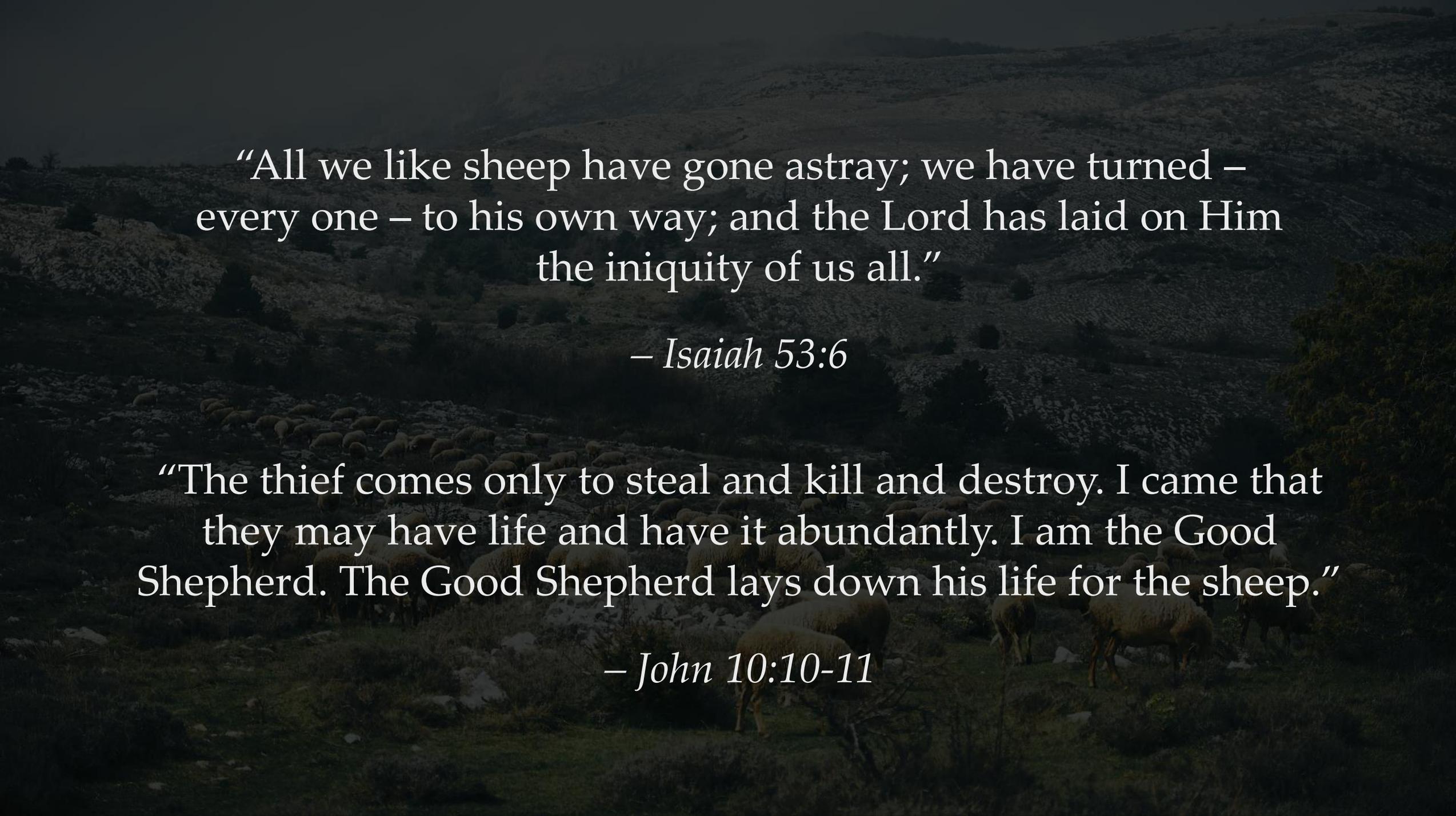


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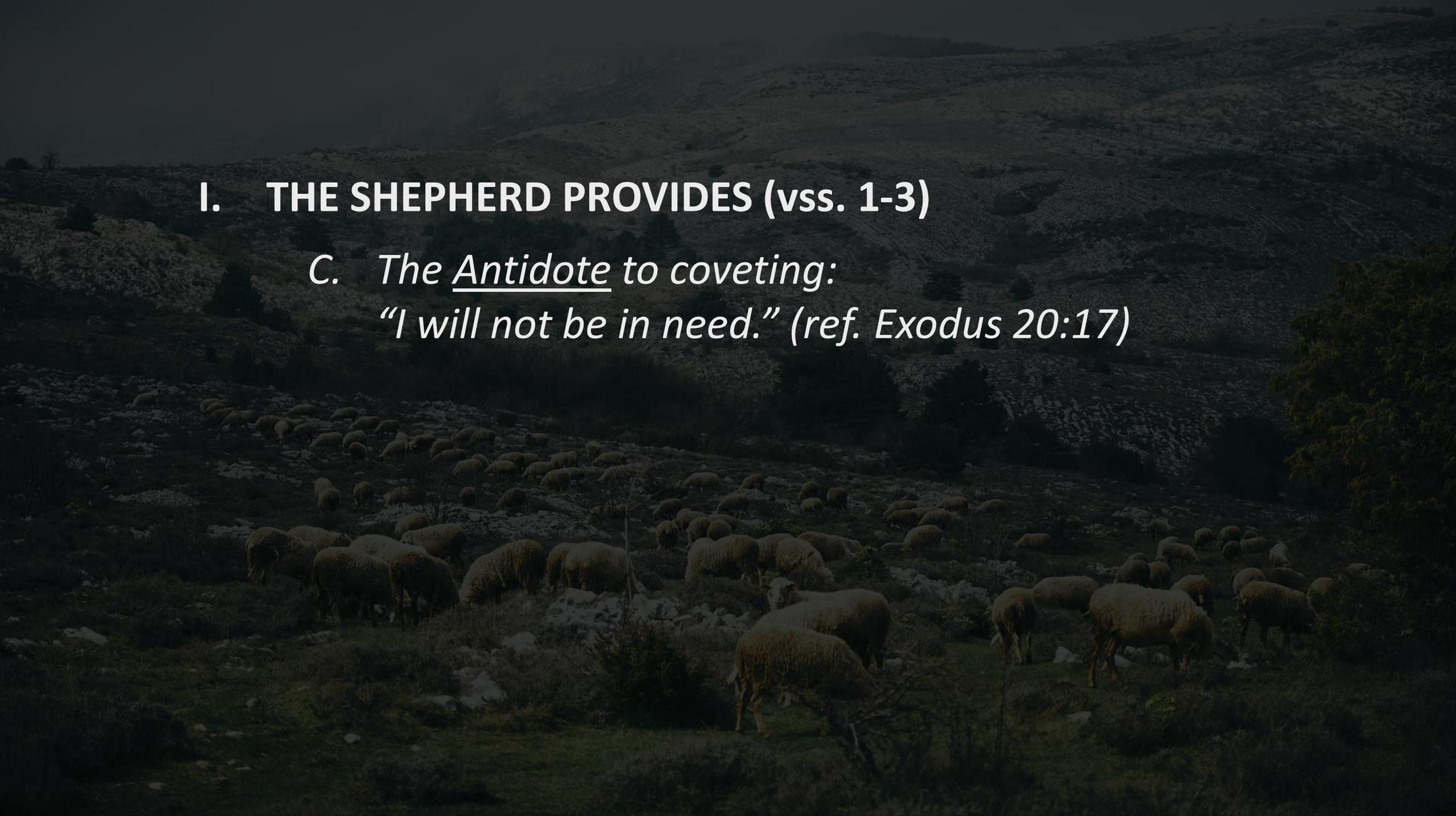


“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned –
every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.”

– *Isaiah 53:6*

“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.”

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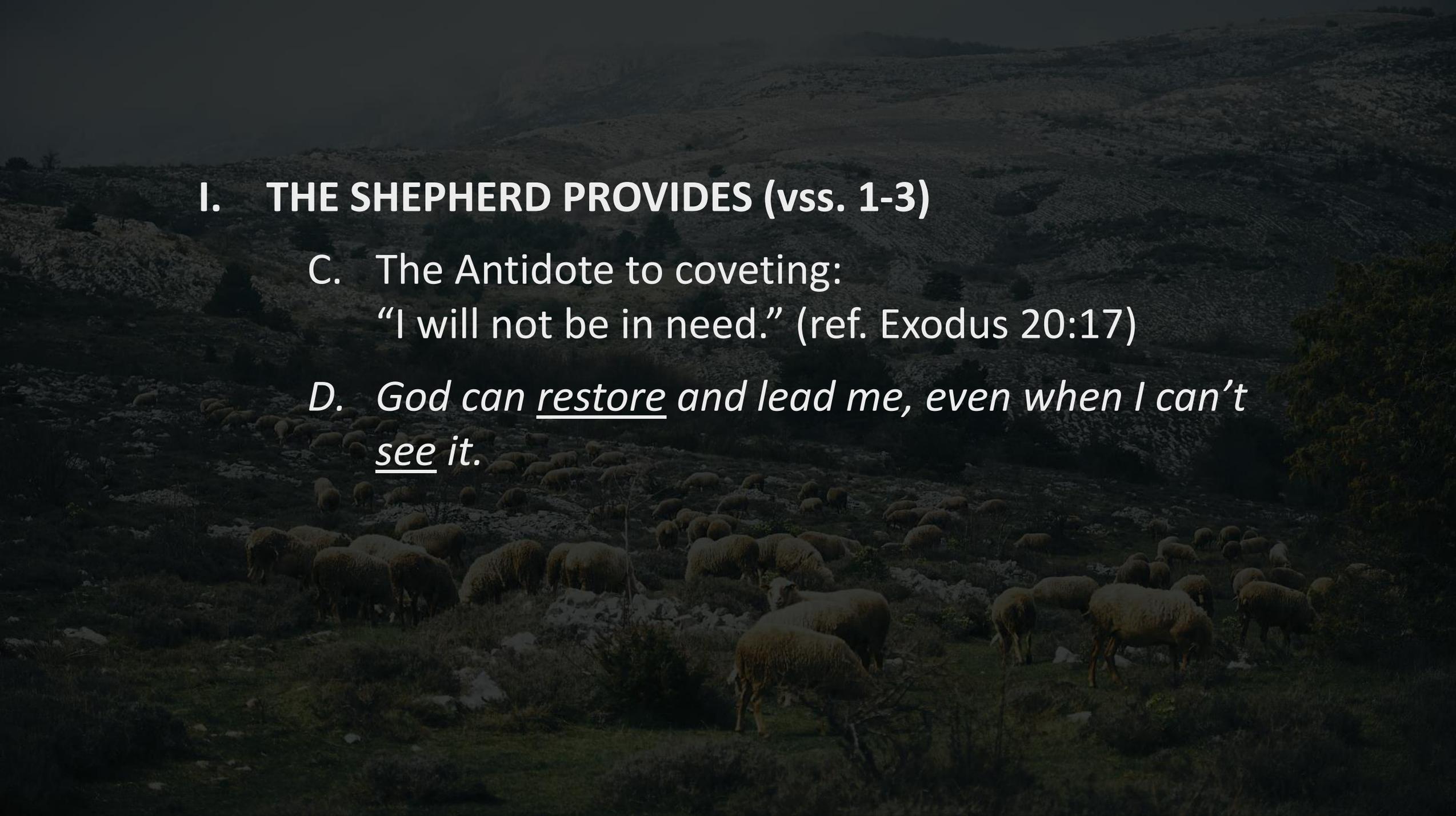
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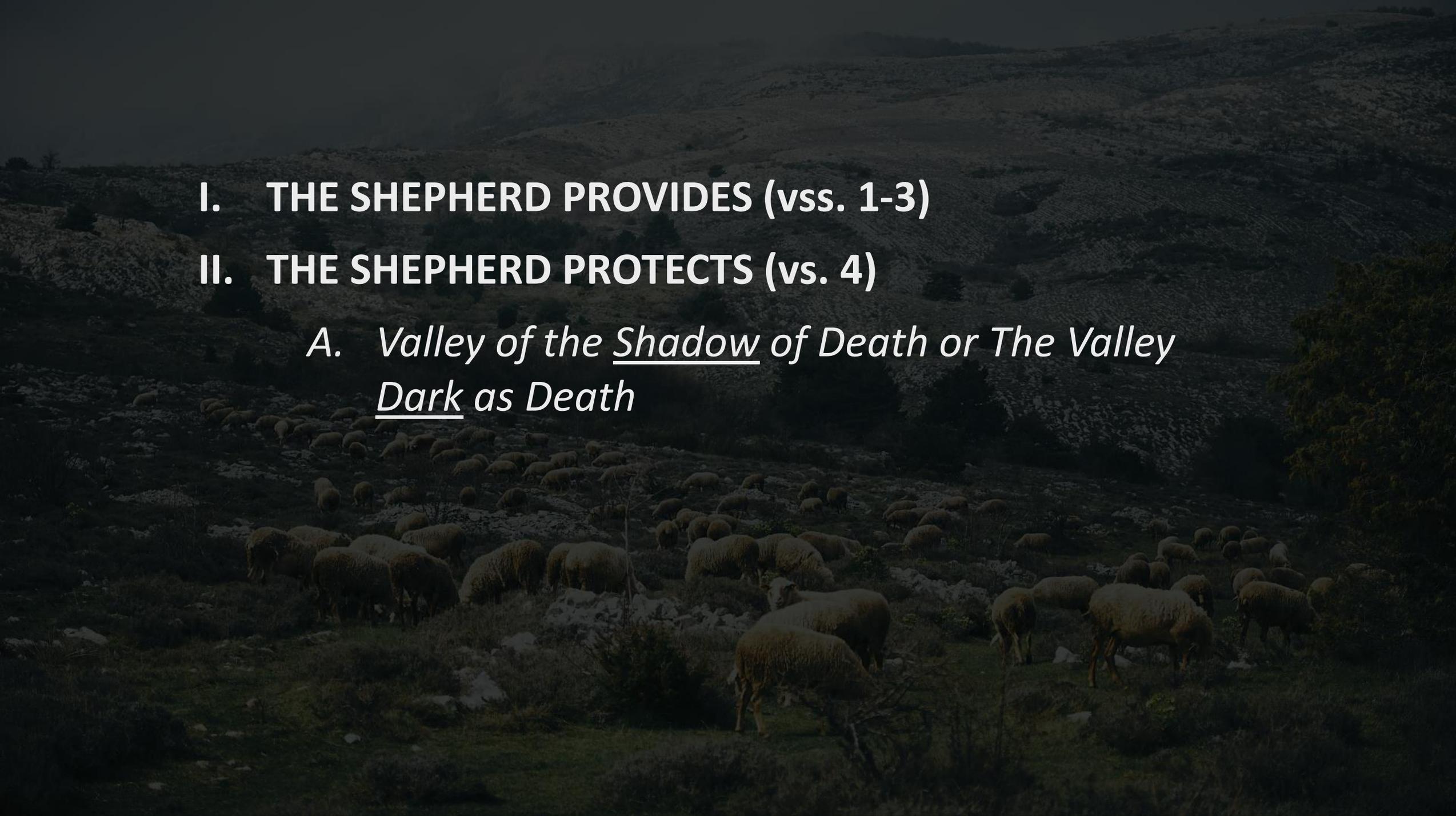
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D. *God can restore and lead me, even when I can't see it.*



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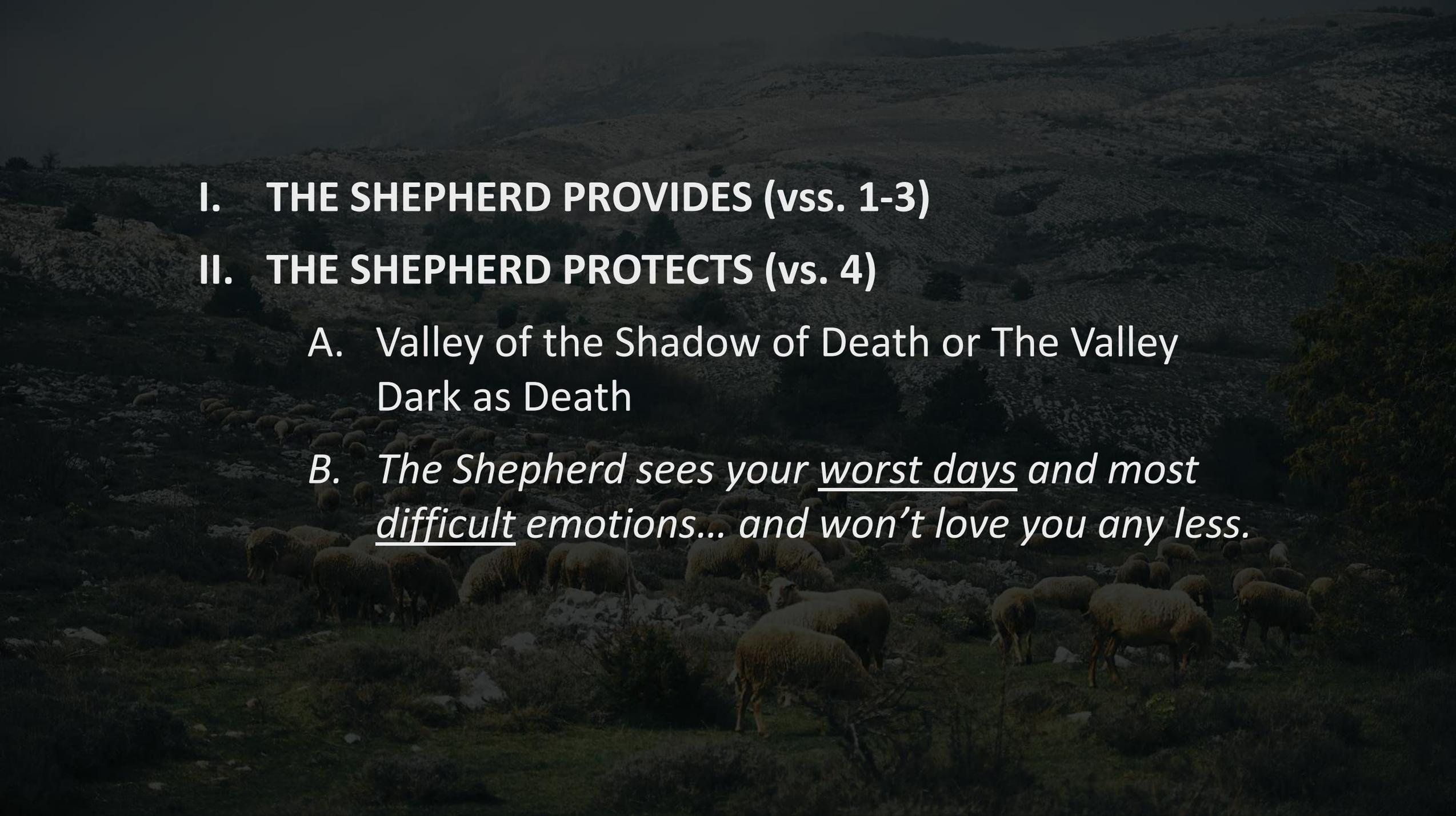
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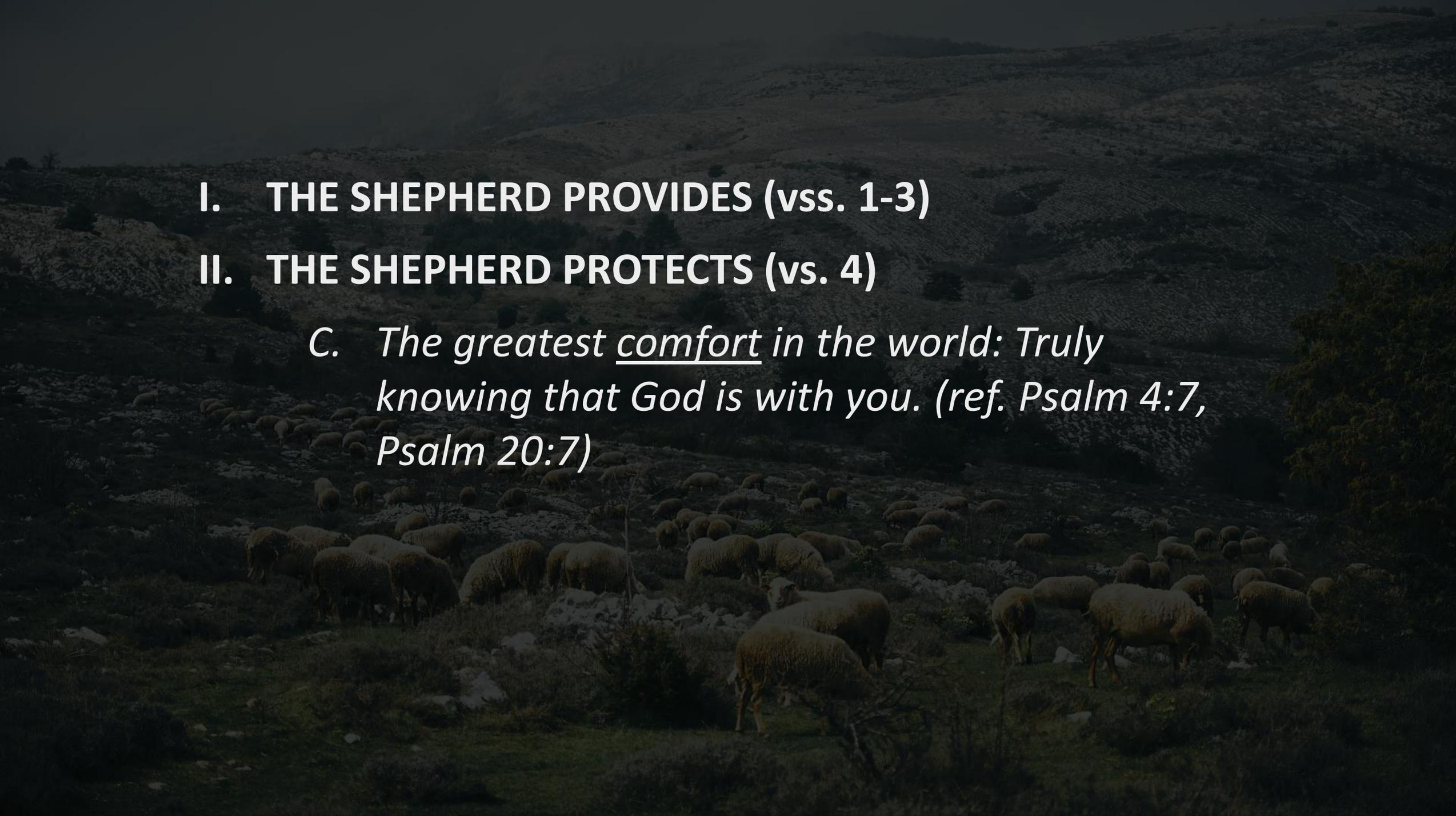


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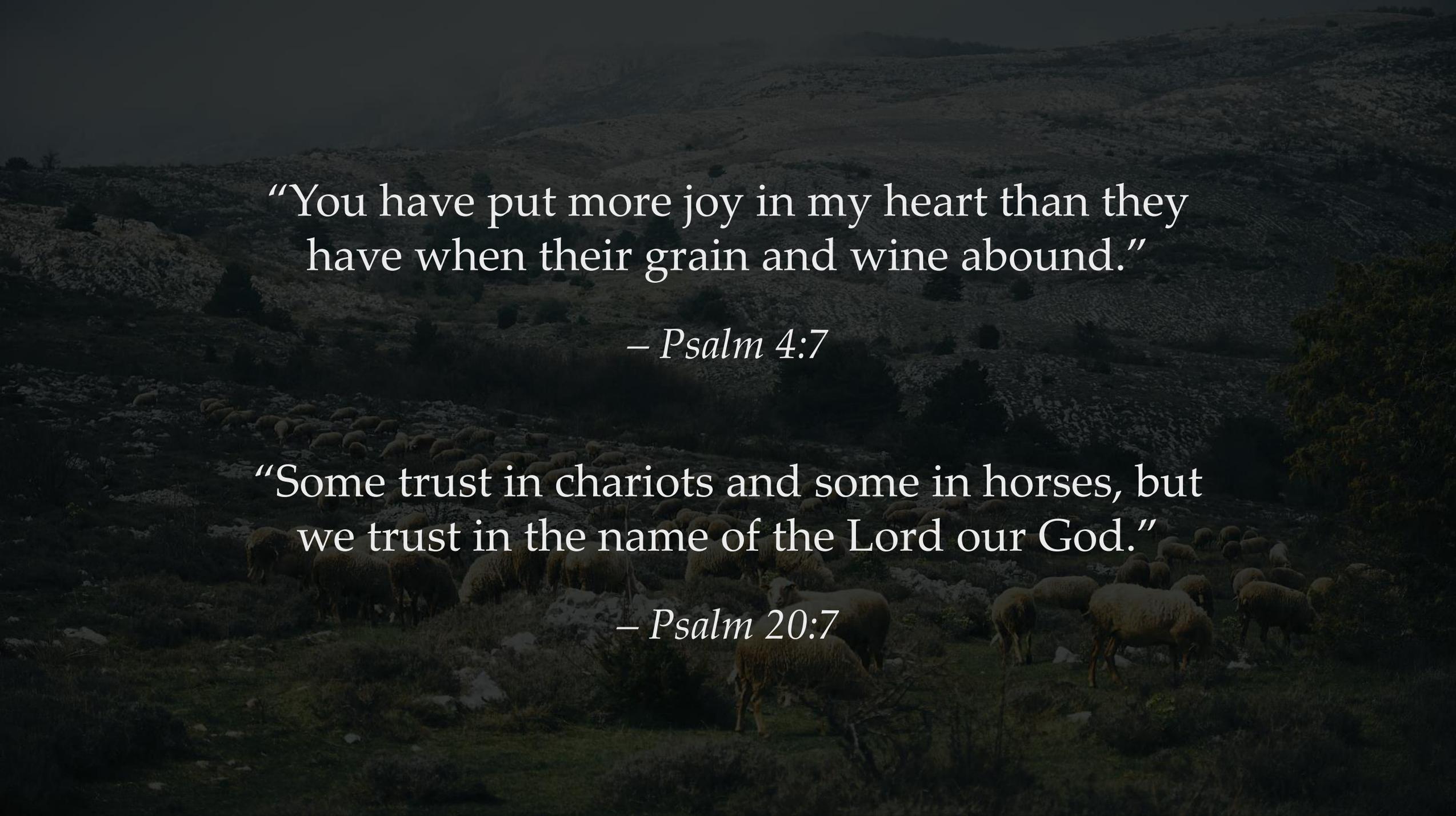
B. *The Shepherd sees your worst days and most
difficult emotions... and won't love you any less.*



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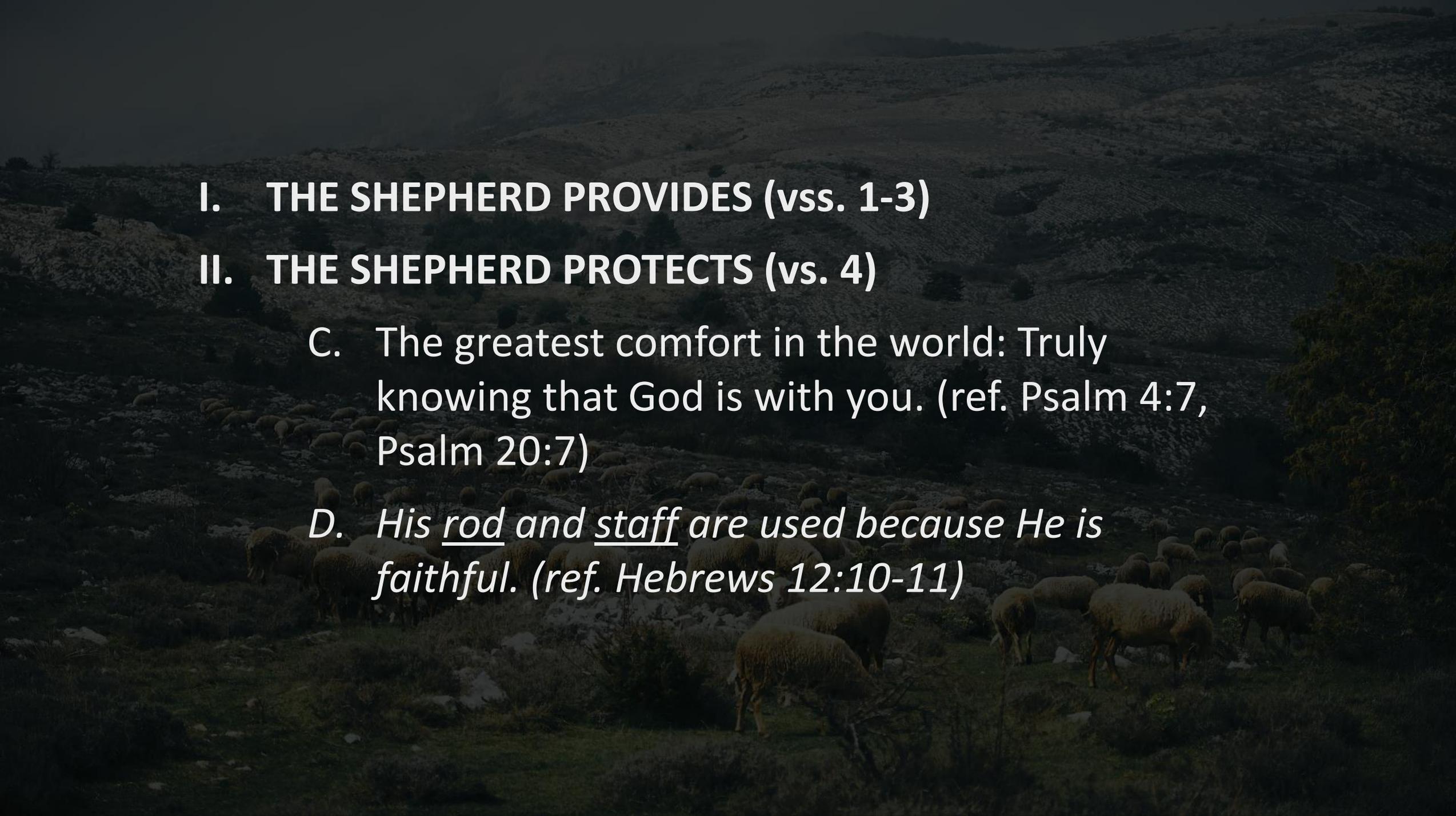


“You have put more joy in my heart than they
have when their grain and wine abound.”

– *Psalm 4:7*

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but
we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”

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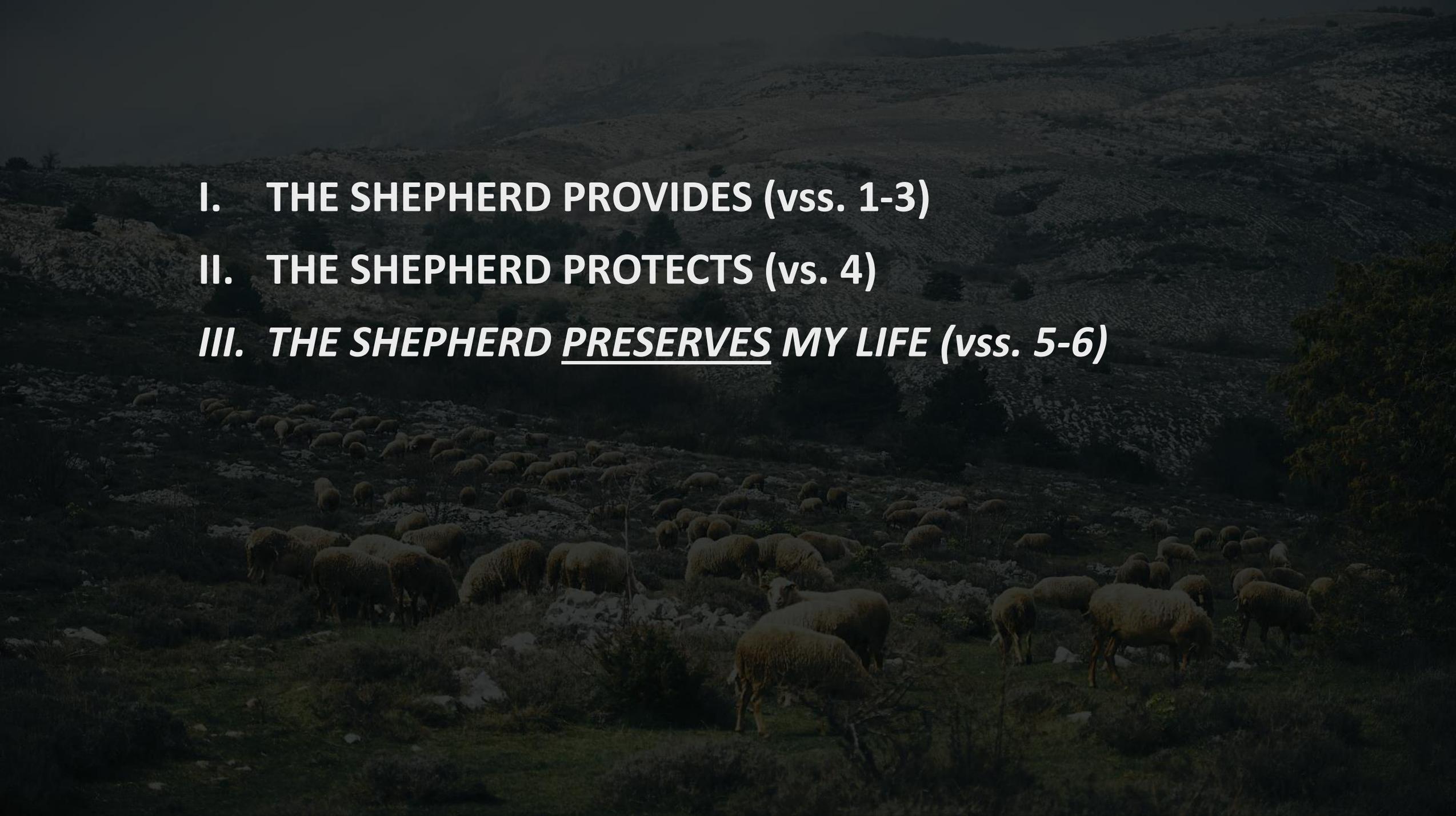


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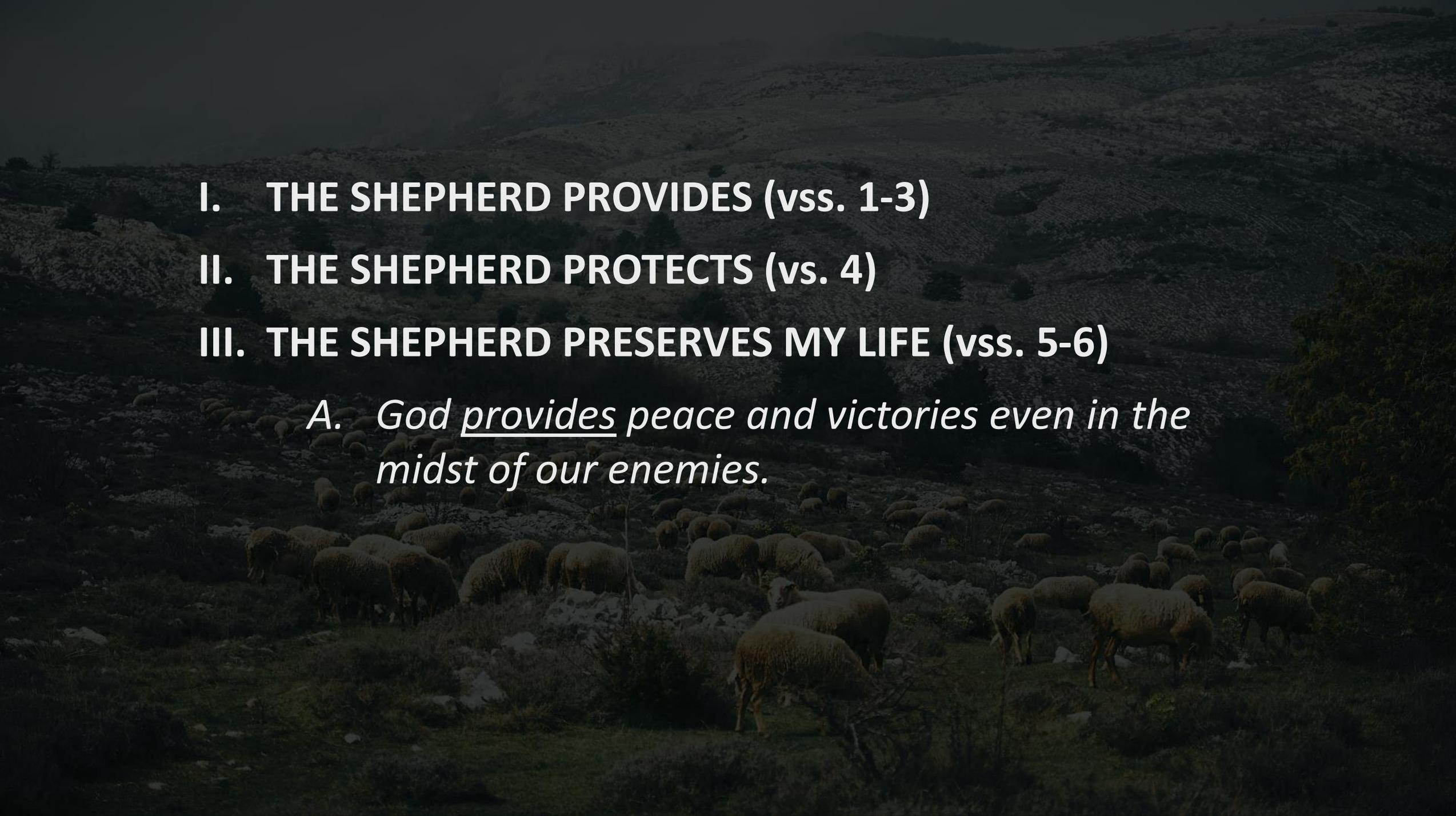
D. *His rod and staff are used because He is faithful. (ref. Hebrews 12:10-11)*



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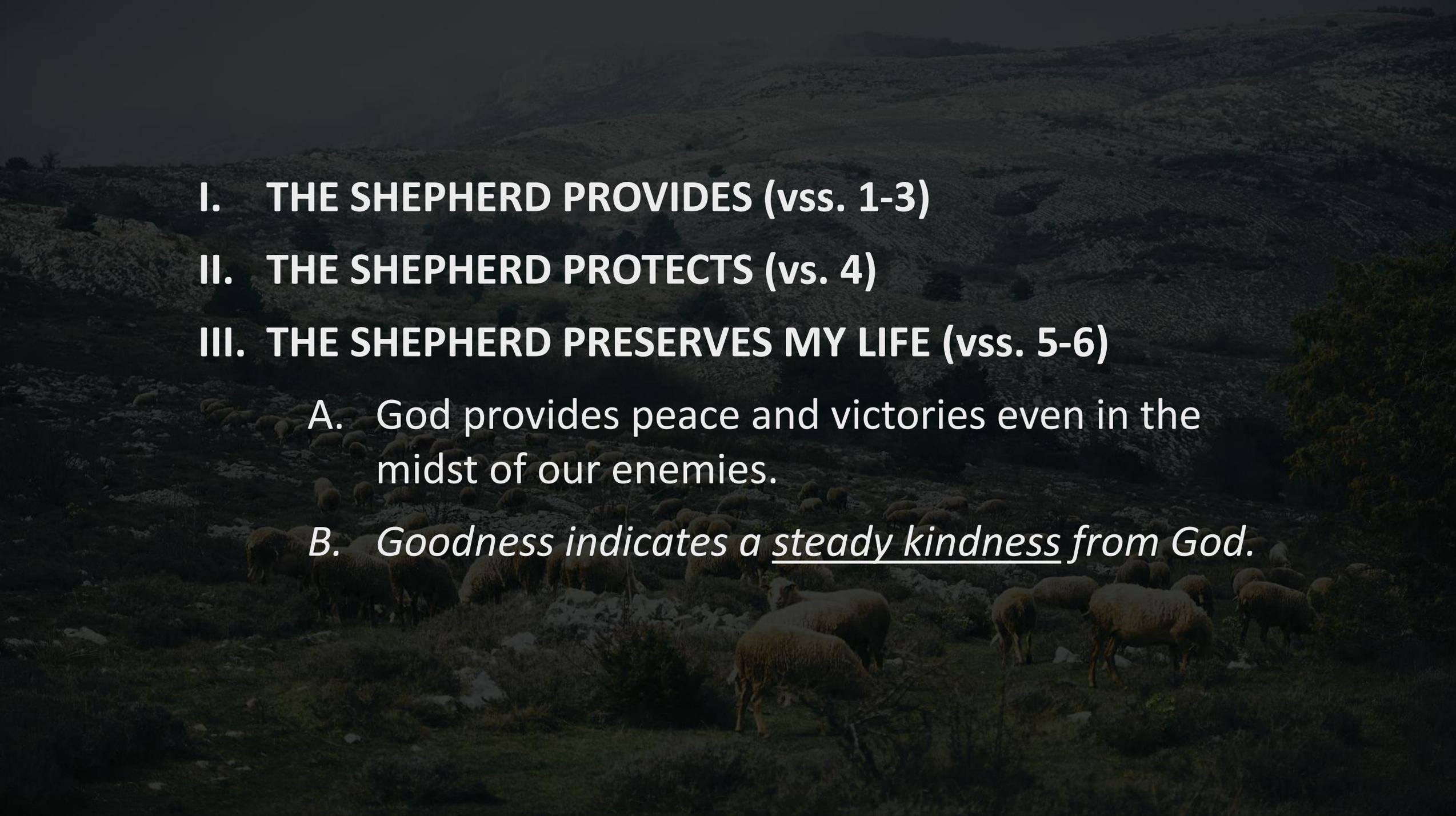


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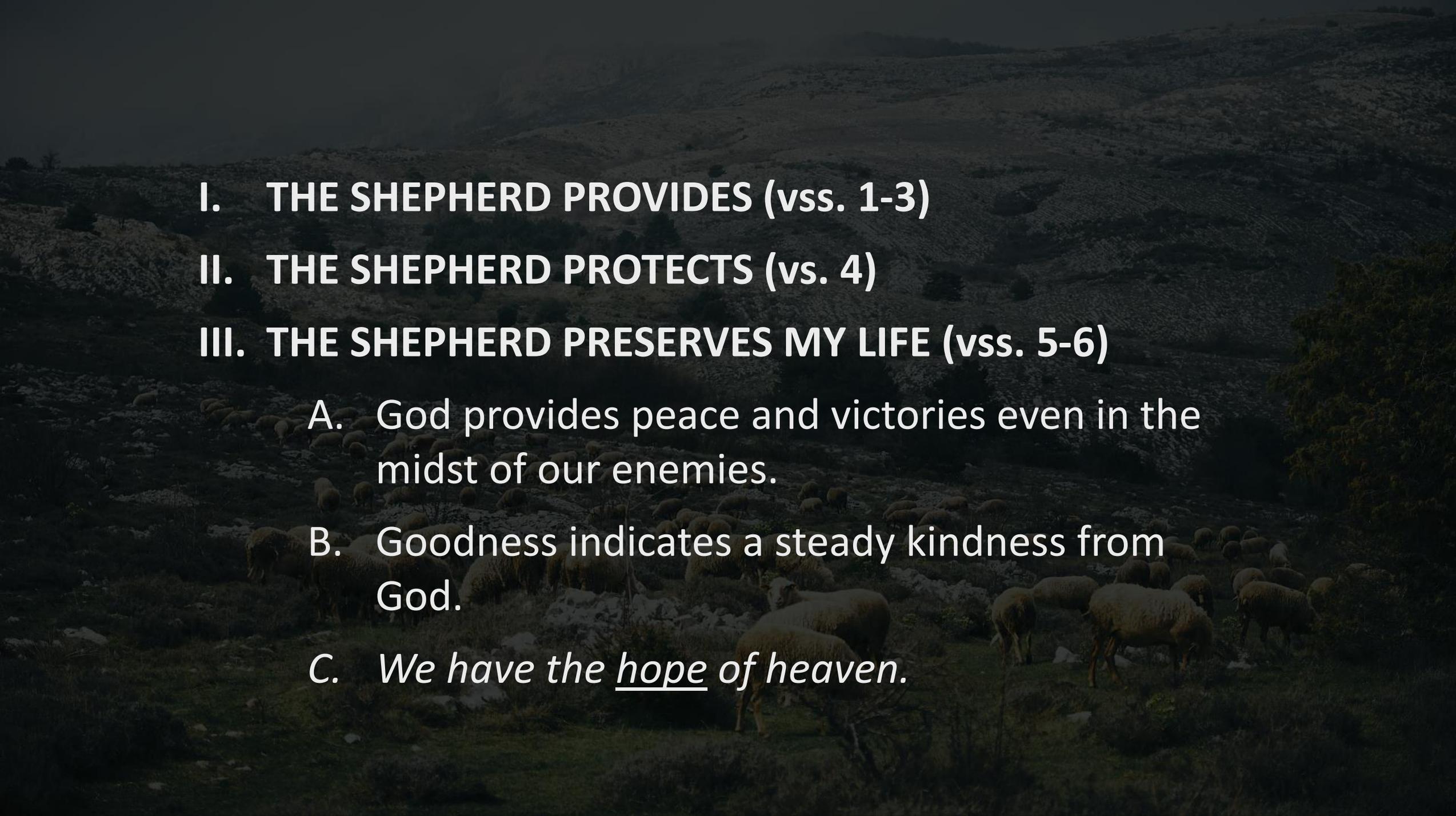
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