



The Power of This Relationship Is Made Right in Its Communion

. . thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (V. 5) Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Psalm 23:4-5

*“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.”*
- Ho-ra-tio G. Spaf-ford

I. In the communion of the relationship there is a managing of the sheep.

A. For the stubborn sheep there is the work reconciliation.

. . thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

“There is no magnet with a stronger pull than genuine love. Love has drawn back more wanderers and softened more hard hearts than this world will ever know.”
- Chuck Swindoll

Peter and the dinner of restoration; ***As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. John 21:9***

B. For the sick sheep there is the work restoration.

. . thou anointest my head with oil; Psalm 23:5

*“In a very wealthy Middle Eastern home, there would be a cruise of oil right by the door.
Very expensive ointment, perfumed, and it would be there for special occasions.
When a very important guest would come into the home, someone you dearly loved,
or someone you wanted to see, the host would come and greet his friend, and there would*

be a kiss on either cheek. And, then he would reach into that bowl of ointment and he would put that ointment on the face, the head, and the hair of his guest. It would perfume that person, and refresh them. It also alerted anyone in the house to the special favor they held with the master. They called it 'the anointing of the head.'"

- Adrian Rogers

II. In the communion of the relationship there is a ministry to the sheep.

A. In His ministry He prepares a table of replenishment.

Thou preparest a table before me . . . Psalm 23:5

B. In His ministry He provides a table of redemption.

. . . in the presence of mine enemies: Psalm 23:5

"Don't forget that while we enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb there will be great tribulation on the earth."

III. In the communion of the relationship there is the majesty of the Shepherd.

A. In the majesty of the Shepherd there are the reinforcements of refreshing gifts.

. . . my cup Psalm 23:5

Are You Thankful for Your Cup?

"God is not a miser of His grace. Your cup may be low on cash or clout, but it is overflowing with mercy. You may not have the prime parking place, but you have sufficient pardon. He will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7). Thank God you have a cup!"

- Max Lucado

B. In the majesty of the Shepherd, there is the refreshment of gladness.

. . . runneth over. Psalm 23:5

"With Him the calf is always the fatted calf; the robe is always the best robe; the joy is unspeakable; and the peace passes understanding. There is no grudging in God's goodness. He does not measure His goodness by drops like a druggist fills a prescription. It comes to us in floods. If only we recognized the lavish abundance of His gifts, what a difference it would make in our lives!"

- Haddon Robinson

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. Psalm 45:7