

The LORD is My Shepherd

Psalm 23:1-6; Acts 20:17-35; John 10:22-33

The image of a shepherd is a popular one throughout the Church and provides great _____ to God's people.

What is a shepherd exactly? What does a shepherd do?

"I shall not _____..." A shepherd meets the _____ of the sheep.

"He makes me lie _____ in green pastures and leads me beside still waters..." A shepherd watches over the sheep and helps them find _____.

"He leads me in _____ of righteousness..." A shepherd provides _____.

"...your rod and your staff they _____ me..." A shepherd guides and _____.

When we confess, "The LORD is my shepherd..." we are also saying that many _____ ultimately are NOT.

Moms and dads...political leaders...gov't...career...bosses...pastors...can't possibly _____ like the LORD.

The LORD also addresses needs no one else can:

"He _____ my soul..." This shepherd _____ something deeper inside us that even the best can't.

"Even though I walk through the _____ of the shadow of death..." NO ONE else can save us from _____.

"Surely goodness and _____ shall follow me..." No one else can _____ goodness, nor mercy.

"..._____ me..." This understates the original meaning. _____ is better. His love and determination are second to none.

If the LORD is my shepherd, it also means _____ am not. Thank God for that!

_____ is the Good Shepherd. Because of him we will dwell in the house of the LORD forever and lack nothing.

How is the LORD revealing his role as your shepherd?

Where is the LORD asking you to trust HIM more for your needs?

How are false shepherds - cheap imitations! - distracting you from Jesus?

What are you going to do about it?