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Title: Please Allow the Shepherd To Be Your GPS

(continuation of Psalm 23 sermon series)

Reference: Psalm 23: 1–6, Isaiah 40:11, Jeremiah 31:10

What does it mean to be led by the Shepherd?

Psalm 23:1- *“The Lord is my Shepherd”*

There are people in the church that are not really sheep and are wolves in sheep’s clothing. Make sure that you are the sheep on the right hand that’s going to heaven (Matthew 25:32-33). When Jesus comes, he will gather those who are goats/wolves and cast them away. You want to make sure that you are a sheep and that you follow the Shepherd. There will be false prophets that want to divide the church (Matthew 7:15), but you have to make sure that you are a sheep.

Isaiah 40:11

Jeremiah 31:10

Please allow God to be your Shepherd and your GPS. You know what a GPS, it gives you directions. You need a God Positioning System that leads you, feeds you, and guides you.

Psalm 23:1-6 *“He leadeth me beside still waters...”*

What does it mean? God leads a person in a certain direction and in this particular instance he’s leading us by his staff. He is a Shepherd. He is telling us to move forward, this is the way. He is a good Shepherd, he is a Great Shepherd, and he is the Chief Shepherd. John 10:11- The Good Shepherd gave his life for his sheep, Jesus died for our sins. Hebrew 13:20- The Great Shepherd’s blood provided atonement for me. He’s the Chief Shepherd because He’s coming back.

You need to hear the Shepherd's voice to follow him (John 10:27). There are many voices in the world today and you need to make sure you’re

Matthew 25:32-33 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Jeremiah 31:10 Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel with gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant...

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

following the right one (John 10:5) (1 Corinthians 14:10).

First example of being led by the Lord- Jacob was led by the Lord for 147 years and listened to him and was provided for.

Samuel heard the Lord when he was sleeping inside the temple and listened. He was in tune to the Word of God.

Today, God will not give you dreams or visions. He will speak to you through the Word of God or through circumstances and through things pressed upon your heart. The devil will always put something in your ear, but the voice of God is clear. It lines up with your life, with peace, and understanding.

1. Sheep are temperate animals. They need to lie down in green pastures and still waters. Sheep need rest. Before you were a sheep, you were a wild animal. You went to parties, cussed people out, you were wild. But a sheep is a quiet, peaceful animal that looks for serenity. Jesus calls you to be a sheep. The Lord will put you in a good pasture, with clean and pure food (Ezekiel 34:14). God calls you to lie down and rest. Some of us work our fingers to the bone. We need to slow down. We need to get some rest, some serenity. Don't be a rebellious, stubborn sheep. Don't be a prodigal son sheep, running away, partying it up. God made you to lie down in green pastures.
2. You need to get serious about the Lord's rest. The Lord wants you to rest and not wear out. Jesus invites us to rest. A sheep cannot run all day, you need rest (Matthew 11:28). Stop running; sheep are not gazelles or deer. They walk. Let the Lord lead you. Young people looking for a career, looking for a job, and looking for a boyfriend/girlfriend. Slow down and let God lead you. God will change the direction of your life when you are saved.
3. Green pastures are sufficient provision for the long journey home. It's a long journey to heaven, but if I stay in the path of righteousness, God will lead me to Heaven. God is the Bread of Life. He will feed you. Do not worry about what you're going to

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers

1 Corinthians 14:10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

Ezekiel 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good field, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

drink or eat (Matthew 6:25). If God can take care of the birds, then He can take care of you. Jesus is the creator and the sustainer. God determines the length of your life. Faith is the total confidence in the providence of God. God will fulfill all your financial, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. God has unlimited resources, I need Him to guide me (Psalms 50:10). David was unafraid to face the Goliath because he knew that God provided for him. God provides for you so you abound in his good work (2 Corinthians 9:8). God will bless you in all his spiritual blessings. You do not have to wait until you get to heaven (Ephesians 1:3). How can we not trust Him, who has given everything to us? (Romans 8:32)

Let the Lord be your Shepherd and your GPS and he will lead you.

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?

Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?