

The Believer's Devine Caretaker

Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Introduction: One theologian wrote:

Ps. 22 Jesus is the "Good Shepherd" dying on a cross for His sheep

Ps.24 Jesus is the "Chief Shepherd" coming with a crown for His sheep.

Ps. 23 Jesus is the "Great Shepherd" caring with a crook for His sheep.

Do you live in the "if-factor?" If I had more money, if I had better health, if I had a good job, if I had more education, etc. (Phil. 4:11)

Here is the prescription to cure the 'if-factor' or dissatisfaction in life.

Read Ps.23, 3x's a day for 7 days. This is how you apply the psalm.

Pause to Ponder the passage then Practice it through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Each week I'm preaching on the verse you are to ponder and then put into practice through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let's examine, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want."

I. Ponder, "The LORD"

II. Ponder, "is my Shepherd"

John 10 gives excellent insight to Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

1. He wants you to be His sheep – John 10

a. Eternal life – v11

b. Security in life – v28

c. Abundant life – v10

2. He watches over you, his sheep – John 10: 3f

a. Hear his voice – v3

b. Calls you by name – v3

c. Leads you out – v3

d. He protects – v10

e. Matthew 6 – Provides for you so stop worrying

III. Ponder, I shall not want or lack nothing.

a. Jesus provides the gift of the Holy Spirit who corrects, gifts, teaches, and comforts.

b. God chose us, Jesus bought us, called us, makes us his own and cares for us.

c. He promises from Matt. 6 to provide for us because He is our Father and we are His children.

d. Contentment's battle line is here: 'In order to handle a crisis one must acknowledge our deficiency in the circumstance while acknowledging God's sufficiency.'

The Takeaway: Do I see myself as a sheep?