

The Believer's Devine Caretaker

Psalm 23:2b

He leads me beside the still waters.

Introduction: Sheep-ology: study of sheep

- *Body makeup is 70% water.
- They can go for months without water.
- Left to themselves they would drink contaminated water.
- To avoid dehydration, they have three water sources:
 1. Dew on the grass is main water supply and they arise early to eat the dew filled grass.
 2. Deep wells where the shepherd drawn the water.
 3. Springs and streams.

We must hold to our text this morning trusting the promise Jesus is going to lead us, the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit is going to comfort us, and our Protagonist, the Holy Spirit, is going to fight for us.

I. **The Promise – “He leads me” – Ezekiel 34:12-15**

God **planned** your salvation when He chose you before the foundation of the world.

Jesus **purchased** your salvation on the cross of Calvary.
Holy Spirit **preserves** your salvation forever. Ephesians 1:4-13

The question before us, will we trust His leadership, His management of our lives? If not Jesus, then who?

II. **The Paraclete (Holy Spirit)– “quiet or still waters” – “waters of rest” – John 7:37-39**

This puts into perspective what Jesus is saying that living water will flow from one's heart. It is gushing water like the falls running flowing through your soul. Jesus fulfilled the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit by going to the Cross and the being raised from the dead. I described **the horrors of the crucifixion**.

III. **Protagonist (Holy Spirit) against our Antagonists**

Our antagonists that we can overcome via the Holy Spirit.

- A. Contaminated water holes. Jeremiah 2:13
- B. Carnal mindset. Romans 8:5-6
- C. Carried away by the world's philosophy. Colo. 2:8

Takeaway: The Lord's Supper together.