

“My All-Sufficient Shepherd and LORD”

Text - Psalm 23:1-6

Topic – “The LORD is My Shepherd”

Series – Psalm 23 “Coronavirus” Series

A. Psalm 22 is the psalm of the _____ Shepherd.

B. Psalm 23 is The _____ Psalm.

1. God describes Himself as the Shepherd of _____. (Psalm 80:1; Psalm 95:7; Isaiah 40:11)
2. The _____ of Israel were to be shepherds of Israel. (2 Samuel 5:2)
3. Zechariah prophesied the Messiah would be a _____ who would be killed and His sheep scattered. (Zechariah 13:7)
4. Jesus identified Himself as the **wounded** and _____ shepherd. (Mark 14:27)

Psalm 23:1 – “**The LORD** [*JEHOVAH; ETERNAL GOD*] **is my shepherd**
[*herdman; pastor*]; **I shall not want** [*lack; be lacking; become empty*].”

I. The _____ of the Shepherd (and his relationship with the sheep) (23:1)

Two-manner of Shepherds (John 10:3-13)

A. The _____ Shepherd – He does not _____ the sheep. (John 10:12-13)

B. The _____ Shepherd – He _____ His sheep. (John 10:3, 4, 11)

1. The “**Door** of the sheep” (John 10:3-4, 7, 9)
2. The “Good Shepherd” is: _____; _____; Willing to _____ His life. (John 10:11, 14-15)

C. Who is this shepherd? - “The _____ is my shepherd” (Psalm 23:1a)

1. “Jehovah Adonia” – _____
2. Lit. – “_____ [*Yahweh*], **the LORD**”
3. Israel’s _____ God
4. The LORD _____. (Psalm 19:1; 97:6)

II. The _____ of the Sheep (and their relationship with the shepherd)

Two-manner of Sheep

A. Sheep that do *not* know the _____ of the shepherd. (John 10)

B. Sheep that can say, “*The LORD is _____ me.*” (Psalm 23:1a)

John 10:27 - ²⁷ My sheep [followers] hear [and obey] my voice, and I know them [John 10:14], and they follow me: [John 10:3]

- 1. They _____ the Words (“*voice*”) of the Shepherd. (10:27a)
- 2. They _____ their shepherd and He knows them. (10:14, 27b)
- 3. They _____ His voice. - “*they follow me*” (10:4, 27c)

III. The _____ (Loving Care) of the Shepherd: His sheep “shall not _____” (Psalm 23:1b)

A. The _____ of sheep gives us insight into what they “want.”

- 1. Sheep are by nature: _____
- 2. A shepherd needs to: **Think** for his sheep. **Protect** his sheep.
Guard his sheep. **Tend** to their bruises and **bind** up their wounds.

B. The sheep never know how well they are _____ or appreciate the vigilant _____ given them by their shepherd.

- 1. Shepherd’s _____
- 2. Shepherd’s _____ (burdens; responsibilities).
- 3. Shepherd’s _____ to give his _____ for his sheep.

Conclusion – Jesus Christ is the model _____.

A. Only sheep who belong to the LORD can say, “I shall not want.” (Psalm 23:1)

B. The sheep of the LORD can be at _____ knowing they “will not want.” (Psalm 23:1b)

John 10:27 - ²⁷ My sheep hear [and obey] my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

John 10:28 - ²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck [snatch] them out of my hand.

Who is your shepherd?