

“He Restoreth My Soul”

Topic – The LORD: My Companion and Guide

Text – Psalm 23:2-3; Luke 15:4-7

Series – Psalm 23 - Coronavirus Series

THE SHEPHERD’S _____: He is my _____ and _____.

Psalm 23:3 – “He **restoreth** [return; turn back] my soul [life; person; heart; mind]: he **leadeth** [guide; transport] me in the paths [way; course] of righteousness for his name's [honor; character; fame; reputation] sake.”

I. “He Restoreth my Soul” (Psalm 23:3) - What does it mean to be “restored”?

A. To _____ me when I am fainthearted.

B. To _____ me when I am broken. – (Exodus 15:26 - - “I am the **LORD** that **healeth** thee.”)

C. To _____ me when I _____ out of the way.

Psalm 119:176 - I have **gone astray** [wander; seduced; to err from the Law] like a lost sheep; **seek** [search] **thy servant**; for I do not forget thy commandments [Law].

Psalm 42:5-6a - **Why art thou cast down**, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

⁶ O my God, **my soul is cast down within me...**”

Application – How does the LORD restore His people?

1) He _____ us. (Psalm 51:3, 10)

2) He _____ and _____ us. (Hebrews 12:5-11; Psalm 119:66-68)

Hebrews 12:6 – “For whom the Lord **loveth** [agape’ – willing to live and die for] He chasteneth [disciplines, instructs], and scourgeth [flog; whip] every son whom he receiveth [receives as a son; delights in].”

Psalm 119:66-68 - **Teach** [instruct] me good judgment [taste; discernment] and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments [Laws; precepts; ordinances].

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray [erred]: but now have I **kept** [observed; heeded] **thy word** [commandments].

⁶⁸ Thou art good, and doest good; **teach** [instruct] me thy statutes [Laws; Commandments].

D. To _____. The LORD leads us to a place of _____. (Psalm 23:3a)

1. Sheep need _____.

2. The LORD gave Israel the _____ (Exodus 20:8)

3. When a believer does not “_____,” he will inevitably “_____.”

II. “He leadeth me in the “paths of righteousness” (23:3b)

A. _____ the LORD does? – “He **leadeth**.”

B. _____ the LORD “leadeth?” – “in the paths of righteousness” (23:3b)

1. “Paths” are _____ - _____ trails. Some might describe them as _____.

Hebrews 13:9a - Be not carried about [*led astray; driven*] with divers [*various; i.e. colorful*] and strange [*fascinating; foreign*] doctrines [*teachings*]...”

2. “Paths of _____” (23:3b; Psalm 119:1, 24, 32, 35)

Job 24:2 - Some remove [*bypass*] the landmarks [*fences; boundary stones*]; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.

3. A believer’s duty is to _____ the LORD and _____ “the paths of righteousness.”

Proverbs 22:28 - Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

Proverbs 23:10 – “Remove not the old landmark...”

III. “He leadeth...for His _____.” (23:3c)

A. What is the LORD’s _____? Why does He lead me in the “paths of righteousness?” (23:3c)

1. He my _____ “for His name’s sake.”
2. He is my _____ for the sake of His name, honor, and testimony.
3. The welfare and well-being of the sheep reflects on the _____ of the shepherd.

Conclusion

A. The LORD _____ His sheep and _____ us to _____ Him “for His name’s sake.”

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.

B. The LORD promises His people He will:

1. Provide for their _____ nourishment. (Psalm 37:25; Mt. 6:8; Romans 8:32; **Matthew 6:31-34; Philippians 4:19**)
2. Provide for their _____ nourishment. (**Matthew 4:4; John 7:37-39; 14:17; 1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:13-14**)
3. When we are lost, He will _____ us until He _____ us home. (**Luke 15:4-7**)