

## SERMON NOTES/OUTLINE

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### TEXT:

Psalm 23:1

"The LORD Is My Shepherd; I Shall Not Want"

TITLE: Life's Most Valued Possession

### INTRO:

Psalm 23 is the most well-known and well loved Psalm. It was written by David. It is very simply written.

Some say David wrote this Psalm when he was a shepherd boy. Others say he wrote it when he had become king, and considered an undershepherd, under the rulership and guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is interesting that, David, having been a shepherd himself, could very well understand the dealings of the Lord as his Great Shepherd.

A few points ought to be made about this Psalm.

First, it speaks about spiritual MATTERS - a soul redeemed and led by the Lord.

Secondly, it speaks about a spiritual RELATIONSHIP. People may boastfully quote this Psalm, but alas, may not be one of Christ's sheep.

Thirdly, this Psalm speaks about OWNERSHIP. David is owned by the LORD, and the LORD owns David as His!

Fourthly, this Psalm has two great APPLICATIONS - a Gospel and a Practical applications.

Consider:

I. Who is the LORD/Shepherd David Addressed?

Note two titles -

1. LORD, or Jehovah. Who is He. The New Testament states clearly that, the LORD in the Old Testament is the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:42-45). Thus, all the beautiful descriptions of Jehovah are found in Christ as our Peace, Righteousness, Banner, Healer, etc.

2. Shepherd. In the New Testament, we find Christ as...

a. The Good Shepherd, John 10:11, 14.

b. The Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, 1 Peter 2:25

- c. The Chief Shepherd, 1 Peter 5:4
- d. The Great Shepherd of the sheep, Hebrews 13:20

Consider all the beautiful implications of these verses.

## II. How Did LORD Owned David To Become His?

1. The chose him (see Psalm 78:70-72). David did not choose the LORD. Rather, the LORD chose him (see also John 15:16)
2. The pardoned him
3. The redeemed him (Psalm 31:5)
4. The cleansed him
5. The LORD filled him with His Spirit (see 1 Samuel 16:13)

### Applications

## III. How Did David Own The LORD As Shepherd?

1. He believed, exercised faith, in the word..."Thy word, have I hid..."
2. He sought Christ
3. He pleaded for mercy
4. He obeyed the LORD
5. He surrendered his will to Christ
6. He followed the LORD
7. He Loved the LORD.

### Applications...

### USES in applications

#### A. Practical:

If I am the Lord's...(Tests to know if the LORD is my Shepherd indeed)

- do I obey Him?
- do I love Him and the brethren?
- do I love His Word?

- do I do his will or mine?
- do I seek to please Him only, or please myself?
- do I value Him more than anything else in the world?
- do I love His service and work?

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B. Gospel.

How can I call and own the LORD Jesus Christ, as my Shepherd?

1. By taking His word seriously
2. By seeking Him urgently to pardon my sins
3. By confessing all my sins to Him
4. By forsaking and repenting of every known sin
5. By pleading with Him to save me, now!

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God bless you!

Let us pray.....