

He Leadeth Me

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Introduction

1. Psalm 23
2. This is one of the best known Psalms. It has provided comfort to many
3. In this Psalm man is the sheep, God is the shepherd John 10:14
4. As a shepherd leads his sheep, we need to be lead by the Lord
5. Leading is used 2 times in this chapter, beside still waters and in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
6. Let us notice the leading by the true Shepherd of the Soul

II Discussion

1. To be lead by Him we must have a relationship with Him
 - a. The Psalmist called the Lord his shepherd, is He your Shepherd?
 - b. Sheep and a shepherd must have a relationship otherwise he is a hireling John 10:12
 - c. Sheep know the voice of their shepherd and not another, this shows relationship
 - d. Matthew 28:19 has "into the name..." a relationship with all three of the Godhead
 - e. Galatians 3:26-27
 - f. Only those within this relationship can enjoy the blessings of God Psalm 23; Ephesians 1:3
 - g. The Shepherd is known for his tenderness, gentleness, and loving care.
2. To be lead by Him we must follow Him
 - a. He will not lead us to uncleanness Matthew 6:13
 - i. Only to pure clean water and in the paths of righteousness
 - ii. Not to parasites neither internal or external
 - b. We might go our own way Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:25; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; 16:25
 - i. If sheep are left to themselves they will become over time thin, wasted and sickly.
 - ii. We might go into the pursuit of science, academia, companions
 - iii. While to some degree these are ok, when left to themselves they will not lead to where God leads John 14:6; Luke 9:23
 - iv. The shepherd must know the habits of sheep in general but also the attributes of each individual sheep. 1 Timothy 3:4-5
 - v. Yet sheep must move so as to not overgraze one pasture while another goes under grazed. 2 Timothy 4:1-4; Acts 20:27
 - c. Seven attributes that we need to develop as sheep
 - i. Proper prospective of Love Matthew 22:37; 10:37
 - ii. Proper prospective of following Exodus 23:2
 - iii. Proper prospective of self 1 Corinthians 8:9; 9:27
 - iv. Proper prospective follow Luke 9:23
 - v. Proper prospective of where I am and go on from there Philippians 4:11-12
 - vi. Proper prospective of cooperation Romans 12:4-5
 - vii. Proper prospective of obedience John 14:15
 - d. Where will He lead us
 - i. To be humble Matthew 11:29; 1 Peter 5:19
 - ii. To follow the Father's will John 4:34; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 12:49
 - iii. To be a servant John 13:1-17

- iv. To meet the needs of others John 10:10-18
- v. To share the responsibility Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Peter 5:1-4
- vi. To build up the church Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

III Conclusion

1. What is your relationship with God?
2. Are you part of His sheepfold
3. He will lead where all blessings are, do you want those blessings?
4. Come now

Source: Sermon by Edwin Jones 1/27/08' Park Ave. Proclaimer 1987 numbers 4-6, on Psalm 23;
A shepherd looks at Psalm 23 by Philip Keller