

Finding Rest in God's Provision

Psalm 23

The Theology of Rest

Theme: Because Jesus is our Shepherd there is no want thus there is no fear in our uncertainties whether immediate or long-term.

Introduction:

Psalm 23 is very personal. There are no references to "we" or "us" or "they," but only "my" and "me" and "I" and "You." 5 times "my" is used (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6). 4 times "I" is used (vv. 1, 4, 6).

Outline:

- I. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want (vv. 1-3).
- II. The LORD is my shepherd I shall not fear (vv. 4-6).
 - A. ⁴Even though I walk through **the valley of the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
 - B. ⁵You prepare a table before me in **the presence of my enemies**;

What parts of this passage **connect to the gospel** of Jesus Christ? What *particular facet of the gospel* is in view? [What are its Christological / Christo-centric contributions?]

- III. "Sir, We would See Jesus" (John 12:21)

The transfer to Jesus: John 10 says Jesus is the good shepherd and He is the door to His sheep. No one gets in or out except through Him. In Psalm 46 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. When your soul is under siege and the walls seem to bow and the ground cracks and the roof leaks, Jesus is standing in the gap. No one and nothing is going to get through.

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