

Sermon Outline

The Lord is My Shepherd...& That's Enough! (John 10; Psalm 23)

Introduction: *Any Pastor can tell the story- 'The midnight call & the 23rd Psalm'*

- I. ALMIGHTY GOD CARES FOR US BECAUSE WE ARE IMPORTANT TO HIM & HE LOVES US
 - A. This was a radical idea when this Psalm was first written
 - B. Note: Not **a** shepherd, but **my** shepherd (verse 1)
+ *The man in a nursing home*
 - C. Don't listen to the lies of the devil or this world that say you are of no worth
 - D. Your worth is that you belong to the Good Shepherd (John 10)
 - E. What makes Him a good shepherd: ***"He lays down His life for His sheep"*** (Jn. 10:11)
+ *Where we get the phrase: "over my dead body"*

- II. ALMIGHTY GOD KNOWS OUR EVERY NEED
 - A. ***"He leads me beside the still waters"*** (Psalm 23:2) – Freedom from fear
 - B. ***"Your rod & staff, they comfort me"*** (v. 4) – Protection & guidance
 - C. ***"You anoint my head with oil"*** (v.5) – Freedom from torment(ers)

- III. ALMIGHTY GOD'S CARE NEVER ENDS
 - A. ***"Surely goodness & mercy...all the days of my life...in the house of the Lord forever"*** (v.6)
 - B. Jesus said – ***"They shall never perish & no one shall snatch them out of my hand"*** (John 10:28)

Conclusion: *The "mistake" on the church sign: 'The Lord is My Shepherd; That's Enough'*