

TAKING THE 'DIS' OUT OF DISAPPOINTMENT

(Psalm 23:5)

Introduction: *'Dis' changes everything... just ask Miss Havesham of Charles Dickens' novel "Great Expectations"*

I. HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH DISAPPOINTMENTS?

- A. Could God's Word have something to say to you?
- B. Yes it does...
check out Psalm 23:5 – *"You anoint my head with oil."*
- C. The shepherd's anointing oil has three purposes for his sheep –
 1. To repel insect pests
 2. To prevent conflicts
 3. To heal wounds

II. OUR LORD'S ANOINTING OIL IS Poured ON OUR DISAPPOINTMENTS: OUR 'WOUNDS OF THE HEART'

- A. Oh, the healing He provides (Psalm 100:3, 23:5)
- B. If the New Testament teaches us anything, it teaches us that our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd with healing anointing oil
 1. He did it for His wounded & disappointed disciples
 2. He did it for the empty, crooked & lonely hearted
 3. He did it at the cross & empty tomb
 4. He does the same for us today
- C. David would entrust his wounds & his heart to no one else (Psalm 23:5; 147:3)

III. AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR LORD TAKES THE 'DIS' OUT OF DISAPPOINTMENT

- A. In order for the sheep to have their head anointed by the shepherd's oil, they had to lower their heads & stand still before him
- B. Could the application be any clearer for us?
(1 Peter 5:6-7; Luke 18:7)
- C. The sheep doesn't know exactly why or how the shepherd's oil works... all he knows is that something wonderful happens in the presence of the loving shepherd.
- D. Here's another application to us! (Psalm 25:1-2; 23:5)

Conclusion: *Our Good Shepherd takes the 'Dis' out of disappointment*

