

“The Shepherd’s Sheep”

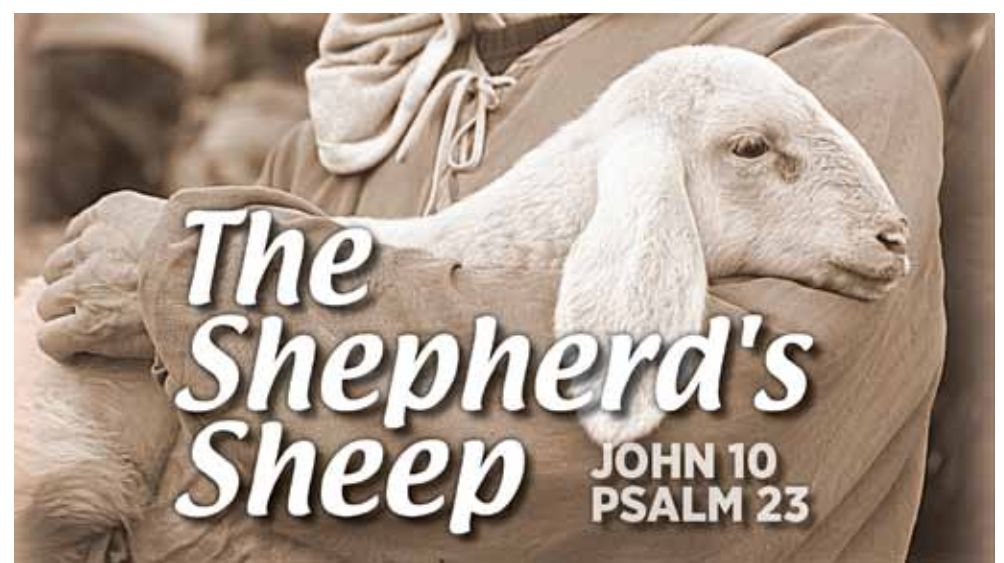
(John 10; Psalm 23)

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)
- C. Don’t listen to the lies of the devil of 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” (John 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’