



### Faith – “*The Lord is my Shepherd*”

- Jesus said, “*I am the good shepherd ...*” **John 10:11**
- The church is His flock of sheep. **John 10:16; Acts 20:28**
- Jesus said His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. **John 10:27**
- cf. **Romans 10:17**, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”
- They do not follow strangers. **John 10:5**
- Is Christ your shepherd and are you following Him?

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### Assurance – “*I shall not want*”

- cf. **1 Samuel 17:32-37** – David challenging Goliath.
- Results from teaching. **Psalms 37:23-25; Matthew 6:33**
- God will supply our needs. **Matthew 7:7-8; Hebrews 13:5-6; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**
- **Hebrews 10:22**, “*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.*”

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### Contentment – “*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures*”

- **1 Timothy 6:6**, “*But godliness with contentment is great gain.*” cf. **verses 7-8; Philippians 4:11-13**
- Failing to be satisfied leads to other sins:
  - Covetousness. **Luke 12:13-15**
  - Envy, jealousy, and strife. **James 3:14ff**

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### cf. Psalms 65 Praise And Thanksgiving For God’s Abundant Favor To Earth And Man

God’s provisions for His people. Vs. 9-13

Psalms 65:13, “*The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.*” REST. Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-25



The pastures of the wilderness were the places where flocks grazed (Luke 15:4; 1 Samuel 25:1-4) – so, when God watered the pastures abundantly (verses 9-11), the pastures would become clothed with flocks.

#### *Psalms 23*

1 *The LORD is my shepherd; **FAITH** I shall not want. **ASSURANCE***

2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: **CONTENTMENT** he leadeth me beside the still waters. **PEACE***

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Peace – *“He leadeth me beside the still waters”*

- Restless and troubled waters are dangerous. cf. **Mark 4:36-41**
- The still quiet waters are peaceful and safe. **Mark 4:38**
- Living water (everlasting life). **John 4:10-14**
- Jesus is our *“Prince of Peace.”* cf. **Isaiah 9:6**
- Peace is valuable. **Philippians 4:7; Matthew 5:9; Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 3:10-12; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:1-4**
- *“Let him who thirsts come ... whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely”* **Revelation 22:17**

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**Not peace at any price!**

- Put on the whole armor of God. **Ephesians 6:10**
- *“Fight the good fight of faith.”* **1 Timothy 6:12**
- Realize it is a spiritual battle. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**
- Contend earnestly for the faith. **Jude 3**
- Seek peace from above. **James 3:17**
- Serious consequences. **Matthew 10:34**

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