

The Good Shepherd

(Psalm 23:1-6)

- Introduction:
1. In Mark 6, Jesus had an encounter with people whom he described as those who have no shepherd.
 2. To see this mass of people, seeking help and guidance, moved him to compassion.
 3. People are frequently compared to sheep in Scripture.
 - a. We're not self sufficient.
 - b. We need a shepherd.

I. The Good Shepherd

- A. (Psalm 23).
- B. This psalm has almost been relegated to verses that apply at the end of one's life, but I'm convinced one needs to know these verses in order to properly begin his life.
- C. While Psalm 23 describes the "Good Shepherd," 1 Peter 5:1-4 reminds us that the Chief Shepherd has set in place, "under shepherds."
- D. Their work is essentially the same as the Chief Shepherd's - shepherd the flock.

II. Characteristics Of A Good Shepherd

- A. He provides (Psalm 23:1-2).
- B. He Leads (Psalm 23:2).
- C. He Restores (Psalm 23:3).
- D. He Protects (Psalm 23:4).
- E. He Blesses (Psalm 23:5).

- Conclusion:
1. We need to give thanks to God for both our Chief Shepherd and his under shepherds who meet our needs.
 2. If you have being led by the Good Shepherd, why not submit to his leadership today?
 3. He will only do you good!
 4. And if you do, you can say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."