

The Good Shepherd

Psalm 23

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 - 3) The Chief Shepherd. 1 Peter 5:4
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 - d. I must receive the Shepherd. John 1:11-12
 - e. The Shepherd and His sheep. John 10:14
 - f. Jesus' sheep believe in Him. John 10:24-26
 - g. Jesus' sheep listen to Him and follow Him. John 10:27
 - h. Jesus gives His sheep eternal life. John 10:28
 - i. No one can ever steal Jesus' sheep from Him! John 10:28-29
3. The provisions of the Shepherd. 2-3
4. The motivation of the Shepherd: His own reputation.3

B. The Companionship of the Good Shepherd. 4

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 - 2) Through events in my life.
 - b. His control is for
 - 1) My comfort

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C. The Generosity of the Good Shepherd. 5

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2. Providing refreshing hospitality. The Good Shepherd provides me with TLC when He knows I need it!
3. Providing fullness of life.
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D. The Confidence of the Sheep. 6

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 - c. Romans 8:28
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