

# Scriptures Greatest Hits #1

## God our Shepherd

### Psalm 23

January 28, 2024

Sermon Sketch: The Lord wonderfully cares for His flock: lavishing upon us provision, prompting and protection...

- 1) How have you progressed in “Boot Camp” in this past week? How is your training in spiritual warfare advancing? (Trained for Spiritual Warfare, Psalm 18, 1/21/24)
- 2) Do you have any experience handling livestock? What images come to mind of the work from TV or movies? Have you ever been responsible for caring for pets?
- 3) When David calls the LORD his shepherd, how much of his life experience as a young man comes into play with regard to the depth of meaning of this statement?
- 4) Were you surprised at all about the frequency with which Scripture references God as our Shepherd (Genesis 48:15, Psalm 28:9, 78:52, 80:1, Isaiah 40:11, Jeremiah 17:16, Ezekiel 34:15 Matthew 2:6, John 10:11, 14, Hebrews 13:20 and Revelation 7:17)? Since these dozen verses are just a survey of the Bible says, what other Scriptures might come to mind about this topic?
- 5) How has God made provision for your life: spiritually, relationally, materially, etc.?

- 6) How has God been prompting you recently? How is He leading you in righteousness?
- 7) How has the LORD protected your life?
- 8) Do you agree with the assessment that sheep are:

Dumb – Isaiah 53:6

Don't last long on their own – Matthew 18:12

Need a shepherd – Matthew 9:36

If not, what is your own assessment of sheep? If so, how does this assessment impact your own self-understanding and self-awareness?

- 9) How will you choose to heed His call:

To join His flock – John 10:16

To follow His lead – John 10:3-4

To enjoy His abundance – John 10:10

And to share His blessings – Matthew 10:8

- 10) How does Jesus' tender shepherding of your life move your heart to praise? How exciting is the idea that you will dwell in His house forever to worship Him?
- 11) How can we encourage others to join His flock?

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Shepherd