

23rd Psalm Series

Part 3

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (NKJV)

If ever there was anyone who knew what it was like to get away from closeness to the Lord and return, it was _____! *He restores my soul!!!*

There are Four Spiritual Positions for each of us today! I Corinthians 2:14-3:3

- 1. Natural man**—as we are born, lost and without His Spirit— *¹⁴ But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.* I Corinthians 2:14
- 2. Mature man**—born again and growing—*¹⁵ those who are spiritual can evaluate all things....¹⁶ But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.* I Corinthians 2:15-16
- 3. Baby Man**—recently born again—*¹ as though you were infants in Christ. ² I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger.* I Corinthians 3:1-2
- 4. Carnal Man**—born again and has not grown—*And you still aren't ready, ³ for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature?* I Corinthians 3:2-3

Another term used in the Bible for when we are away from God is “_____.”

IMPORTANT!!!!----Backslidden does **NOT** mean Lost again. While being backslidden might BREAK your **FELLOWSHIP** with God it does **NOT** BREAK your **RELATIONSHIP** with God!!

*¹⁴ “Return, O backsliding children,” says the LORD; “for I am married to you.” Jeremiah 3:14 (NKJV)
*Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, Psalm 51:12 (NKJV)**

How to Keep in a Right Relationship With Jesus!

1. The _____ of the Shepherd—*He restores my soul*

>Stubborn Sheep—*Your rod* Rod of Correction

Come, let us return to the LORD He has torn us to pieces; now He will heal us. He has injured us; now He will bandage our wounds. Hosea 6:1

“My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when He corrects you.⁶ For the LORD disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child.” Hebrews 12:5-6

Reveals our Sonship (6)

Renews our Worship (9)

Restores our Fellowship (11)

>**Stray Sheep**—and Your Staff

Staff of Direction

I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and He turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.
Psalm 40:1-2

>**Sick Sheep**— You anoint my head with oil

Oil of Healing

2. The _____ of the Shepherd

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

>You have to Love the Shepherd

I sacrifice my life for the sheep

>You have to Watch the Shepherd

they know me

>You have to Obey the Shepherd

they listen to my voice

Our problem is we want to get out of trouble rather than walk in paths of righteousness!

3. The _____ of the Shepherd

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

LORD Jehovah I AM Jesus His reputation is at stake!!! Hallowed be thy name!

Jesus = "Jehovah Saves" Remember who you are and WHOSE you are!!!

¹⁹ But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The LORD knows those who are His," and "All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil."
2 Timothy 2:19

Let's Give Glory to His Name!

ANSWERS:

King David, Backslidden, Ministry, Mastery, Majesty



Please be in prayer for our DLBC Seafarers Ministry, as they will have the opportunity to evangelize to many people of different nations this week.

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
Received
July 2, 2017
\$ 11,443.01

July 15th—6pm-9pm



Doors open @ 5:30pm

Come join us for a night full of worship! We invite you to use your musical talents at the open mic night. Even if you don't want to be on stage, join us for some live music!
There will be concessions