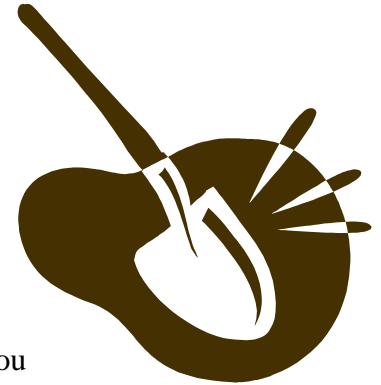


Digging Deeper

Series: A Psummer of Psalms for the Psoul

Sermon: **Through The Dark Shadows**

Scripture: Psalm 23



GETTING STARTED

Describe a time in your life when you were afraid or frightened. How did you eventually overcome the fear?

BIBLE STUDY

1. When you read Psalm 23:1 with the emphasis on the highlighted word, what does each statement say about our relationship with God?

- The Lord **IS** my shepherd...
- The Lord is **MY** shepherd...
- The Lord is my **SHEPHERD**...

2. From the following passages, what do we learn about shepherds and sheep? What does this teach us about God's relationship with His people?

- Psalm 78:52
- Isaiah 53:6
- Ezekiel 34:11-12
- Matthew 18:12-13
- John 10:11-14

3. From what we studied on Sunday, why is it that shepherds must sometimes lead their flocks through "dark valleys"? What is the spiritual significance of this for us?

4. Read Psalm 23:5. How does the preparation of a table and the anointing with oil fit in with the picture of God as our protector?

APPLY IT

During times when you might be afraid or uncomfortable, what are some specific truths related to the following areas from which you can draw comfort and solace?

- My Personal Relationship with the Lord.
- My Protected Relationship with the Lord.
- My Perpetual Relationship with the Lord.