

The Secret to Security and Satisfaction PART 1

QUESTIONS

1. Are you a **secure** person?
2. Are you living a **satisfied** life?
3. What is **giving** you security and satisfaction?

I. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM AS OUR PROVIDER!

- A. We have God's **partnership**.
- B. We have God's **power**.
- C. We have God's **provision**.

II. WHY THIS IS A FAVORITE PSALM

- A. Easy to **memorize**.

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

- B. This psalm displays intimate **fellowship**.
- C. It tells about the **Lord**.

III. Three Timeless Truths:

- A. A **Presence** that is Real.

"The LORD is my shepherd .."

1. To say "the Lord is **a** shepherd"

Means that He is "one among **many**"

2. To say "the Lord is the shepherd"

Means that He may have priority, but He is not personal

3. To say the Lord is "**our** shepherd" means

That He relates to me in a **crowd**.

4. But when we can say. "the Lord is **my** shepherd it means that He **knows** me!

- B. A **Provision** that is Received.

"I shall not want."

1. He will provide for your **physical** needs.

2. He'll supply your **emotional** needs.
3. He supplies all your **Spiritual** needs.

John 10:10-11, "... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

C. A **Peace** that is Restful.

V. 2, "He makes me to lie down in green pastures .."

1. Four things that must be present in order for a sheep to lay down:

a. Free from **Fear**.

Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

b. Free from **Friction** with other sheep.

c. Free from **flies** or parasites.

d. Free from **hunger**.

Isaiah 40:11, "He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young."

IV. How Do I Make God My Shepherd?

A. **Accept** Jesus as my Lord

1. The **Lord** can't be your Shepherd until the Shepherd is your **Lord**.

John 10:14, 27 "Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd... my sheep know me ... they listen to my voice, and they follow me.'"

1. You **know** Jesus,
2. You **listen** to Jesus,
3. You **follow** Jesus.

B. **Begin** Praying About Everything

Phil. 4:6 "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; "Cast all of your anxiety on him because he cares for you." I Peter 5:7

C. **CONSIDER** ONE DAY AT A TIME.

Matthew 6:34 "So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time."