

INTRODUCTION

- * Focusing on the Christ ... the Shadow of Christ.
- * We have spent the past five months considering various fore-types and indicators (shadows) of the coming Messiah.
- * Last week we considered Christ as the Davidic King. David was “a man after God’s own heart.”
- * Today, we want to consider one of the many pictures that God used David to poetically declare regarding YHWH – and to consider it’s prophetic application in Christ.
- * Today’s passage is probably THE BEST KNOWN and MOST QUOTED passage in the entire Bible. As well, it is probably one of THE MOST PROFOUND passages in the Bible.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE

A. Because the LORD is my Shepherd, I Have C_____

1. HE CARES ABOUT MY P_____AL NEED (v 2a)
 - a. Providing Physical Rest (cf. Isaiah 40: 29-31)
 - b. Providing Physical Nourishment (Isaiah 40: 10-11)
2. HE CARES ABOUT MY E_____AL NEEDS (v. 2b-3a)
 - a. Bringing Peace (cf. Philippians 4:6-7; Psalm 119:165)
 - b. Bringing Restoration (cf. Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 19: 7)
3. HE CARES ABOUT MY S_____AL NEEDS (v. 3b; Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 5: 8; 25:4-5; Matthew 6:33)

B. Because the LORD is my Shepherd, I Have C_____

1. BECAUSE OF HIS T_____AL PRESENCE WITH ME (v. 4-5)
 - a. In The Face of Death (cf. Psalm 46: 1-3; John 17:15)
 - b. In The Face of Opposition (cf. Hebrews 13:5b-6; Psalm 27:1-3)
2. BECAUSE OF MY E_____AL FUTURE WITH HIM (cf. John 14:1-3; I Peter 1:3-9)

II. THE PROPHETICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE

A. The Good Shepherd

1. HE LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP
 - a. Out of Love For The Sheep (v. 11-13)
 - b. Out of His Own Free Will (v. 17-18)
2. HE KNOWS HIS SHEEP (v. 14, 16; Luke 7: 21-23)

B. His Sheep

1. THEIR R_____ (V. 14, 16, 27)
 - a. His Sheep Hear His Voice
 - b. His Sheep Follow Him (cf. Luke 9: 23-26; Ezekiel 24:23-24; I Peter 5:1-4)
2. THEIR S_____ (v. 28-29; Romans 8: 31-39)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW CONTENT ARE YOU WITH THE PROVISION OF GOD?
- * HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU IN THE PROTECTION AND DIRECTION OF GOD?
- * HOW CONVINCED ARE YOU THAT YOU WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER?
- * WHAT EFFECT DOES THAT CONTENTMENT, CONFIDENCE AND CONVICTION HAVE IN YOUR LIFE?