

# Tell Me . . . Where Thou Feedest

by C.H. Spurgeon

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*The believer's soul hungers and thirsts for the refreshment of Christ's presence, and should seek to remain in His presence as the source of satisfaction and strength.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 23:1

**Topics:** "Seeking God's Presence", "Communion with Christ"

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## Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the believer's deep longing for communion with Christ, expressing a desire to find Him wherever He feeds His flock. He reflects on the necessity of seeking Jesus in prayer, Scripture, and through His ordinances, recognizing that true rest and nourishment come only from Him. Spurgeon reassures that despite feelings of unworthiness and weakness, believers are invited to draw near to Christ, who provides strength and safety. He encourages the faithful to seek the presence of the Shepherd, as it is there that their souls find refreshment and peace. Ultimately, the sermon highlights the importance of remaining close to Jesus, especially in times of distress.

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## Transcript

These words express the desire of the believer after Christ, and his longing for present communion with Him. Where dost Thou feed Thy flock? In Thy house? I will go, if I may find Thee there. In private prayer? Then I will pray without ceasing. In the Word? Then I will read it diligently. In Thine ordinances? Then I will walk in them with all my heart. Tell me where Thou feedest, for wherever Thou standest as the Shepherd, there will I lie down as a sheep; for none but Thyself can supply my need.

I cannot be satisfied to be apart from Thee. My soul hungers and thirsts for the refreshment of Thy presence. "Where dost Thou make Thy flock to rest at noon?" for whether at dawn or at noon, my only rest must be where Thou art and Thy beloved flock. My soul's rest must be a grace-given rest, and can only be found in Thee. Where is the shadow of that rock? Why should I not repose beneath it? "Why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?" Thou hast companions--why should I not be one?

Satan tells me I am unworthy; but I always was unworthy, and yet Thou hast long loved me; and therefore my unworthiness cannot be a bar to my having fellowship with Thee now. It is true I am weak in faith, and prone to fall, but my very feebleness is the reason why I should always be where Thou feedest Thy flock, that I may be strengthened, and preserved in safety beside the still waters. Why should I turn aside? There is no reason why I should, but there are a thousand reasons why I should not, for Jesus beckons

me to come.

If He withdrew Himself a little, it is but to make me prize His presence more. Now that I am grieved and distressed at being away from Him, He will lead me yet again to that sheltered nook where the lambs of His fold are sheltered from the burning sun.

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