

Special Meetings 05 Psalm 23:

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Psalm 23 offers a universal message of comfort and guidance, revealing the secret of a happy eternity through the Shepherd's care and faithfulness.

Duration: 43:56

Scripture: Psalm 23, Psalm 24:7-10, Matthew 6:33, John 10:14, John 14:6, Revelation 14:10-11, Revelation 20:15

Topics: "Shepherd Leadership", "Eternal Assurance"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on Psalm 24 and highlights three important truths revealed in the song. Firstly, it reveals the secret of a happy life, emphasizing the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as our shepherd. The preacher shares a powerful story from World War One, where a soldier held onto the index finger of a comrade who had died, with the words 'The Lord is my shepherd' written on it. Secondly, the song reveals the secret of a happy death, reminding believers that even in death, they can have the assurance of God's presence and care. Lastly, it reveals the secret of a happy eternity, emphasizing the blessings and goodness that will follow believers all the days of their lives. The preacher also mentions the significance of sheep drinking from still water and relates it to the provision and abundance that comes from having the Lord as our shepherd.

Transcript

Well I know nothing else to do but read the 23rd Psalm. So shall we turn to that blessed chapter? It has been so rightfully called the Pearl of Psalms, and it has also been called the Shepherd Psalm. How blessed to recognize the value of it.

One has said it is probably the first Psalm that we ever learn in life. And it is also the last one, for it is precious to the young, and it is also precious even to the aged, at the end of the road. But here are the words of the beloved Psalmist as he writes this Shepherd Psalm.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still water. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's faith. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

At the table before me, the one that in death giving, that I loved in simplicity tonight, are revealed in this wonderful Psalm. It reveals the secret, it reveals the secret of a happy, and third, it reveals the secret of a

happy eternity. The introduction of the Lord is, it does not say the Lord is, neither does it say the, there was a British chap, he gathered them together, they needed Christ, it was finished.

It was his custom to say to the men, remember these five, I didn't say the apostles, and representing them as their own Savior. In death, O beloved one, I may be able to say the Lord Jesus Christ, can you call him yours? Can you say he is mine? The important fact is to be able to say with assurance, he came to his own people, and his own received him not. Then John said, then gave he the right, the privilege, the authority, even to them that believed him.

May I emphasize, it is important that you and I receive him. I will create my Savior into your heart, and then you will say he is mine. Now may I draw a happy eternity, quickly, and thoroughly as possible, as we go down the chapter.

Given to those, may I, and as the original suggests, it means nothing, action is in the possession of Savior. May I call him nothing, and leadeth me beside the green patch, with their food? They were not being fed, the green, the contentment that only Christ can give. Of peace, that are found in the pages of this, the still waters, of me, wherever, he restoreth mine.

He leadeth me, like to be walking in the paths of righteousness. No one but the good shepherd can lead you in such. That precious him, leadeth me, he leadeth me, to be guided, and may I say, he's never lost a sheep.

Neither shall any flock come out, neither shall any flock, and beloved, if not this shepherd, may I assure, put his and her trust in him. He's never lost one, to the eternity above, at the end of the pilgrimage below. He then knows something, he doth before me, in the flesh, there is constantly divine food, and as David the shepherd lamb, took care of the sheep, he fed the sheep, and there was a table of food, as they wenteth there, the leader hath a forty years, and through the will, forty years in the wilderness.

My beloved, this is the secret of that, he prepares a table, and there's not only food, and inflicted upon the existing, but there's only, the oil and the, not only healing, you go into verse four, it's the shepherd's thought, you'll never find sheep drinking from running water, the water has to be still, and even over the bridge, my cup, well would to God be filled, when the Lord, in verse six and the first part of is, and is, this shepherd, it is the secret, that this shepherd is not only, and he assures me, knowing him, no fear, no evil, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Now let me apply it, to what may be one of the most solemn, there is no necessity, for as he speaks of the word walk, he declares, when I come, there will be composure, when I come, in death, blessed come, the valley of the shepherd, in the hills of Judea, when David was, when the Lord is, and what joy, you're going through it, there's another side, and oh that, this there shepherd, oh I remember a beloved brother, but oh that, he not only hath composure, yea though I walk through the, no evil, my beloved may I say, when that time, the evil will be behind, the evil of a wicked world, will be left behind, the evil even, of the flesh, there can be courage, no need to fear, you say why, because I know it's going to be easy to die then, and despondency, except, when I've had to take the funeral, meetings as children, years ago, both of them killed in an accident, I swear, listen, do you know the shepherd, do you know the shepherd, heart, fear, and then not, there was not only composure, when you read this psalm, before you come to the fourth verse, he writes with me, she said an old college, but he's got heart trouble, he was wrapped in an overcoat, he had a blanket, and said apologetically, uncle Jim, I'm, he wouldn't touch him, he didn't live long afterward though, but he knew the shepherd was with him, neither do we know when we're going, we

know with whom we're, when that moment, thou art with, he had come, and cared for the sheep, he had, usually there were about three weapons, three things that the shepherd carried too, he had a rod, and he had a sling, he knew, that with the implement of the sling, that even in death, he will still be faithful, my dear friend, we must say, then may we know, happy eternity, there is a happy eternity, can I read one verse in vivid contrast, what we have mentioned is the happy eternity, chapter 14, verses 10 and 11, they do not reveal a happy eternity, they reveal the most unhappy eternity, which is pain, in the present day nor night, may I link it with verse 15, may I read the following 15 of chapter 20, in eternity, beloved, eternity, eternity, where will you spend eternity, your choice, forgive it, my happy death, happy eternity, my wish to receive tonight, this blessedness of a happy life, a happy death, and a happy eternity, oh beloved, if you think it's a happy place to be, a park of palms, you have never been in eternity yet, when we get homeward is penalty and price, he still waits to see, if there be one within his or her, I need, can't need, so make me whole, asking him by holy name, amen.

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