

#TheShepherd

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The Shepherd

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

³ He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

Psalms 23

⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.



- *Sheep have to be led;*
- *Sheep are helpless in the face of predators; they are weak and defenseless;*
- *Sheep have trouble getting along with other sheep;*
- *Sheep are totally dependent for their well being upon the shepherd;*
- *Sheep are stubborn and have a tendency to wander away from the shepherd*

Discover The Shepherd

- *He guides.*
- *He provides.*
- *He restores.*
- *He protects.*
- *He corrects.*
- *He connects.*

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He Provides and Guides

Psalms 23:2

He lets me rest in green meadows;



*He is working
behind the scenes
even when we
aren't aware.*

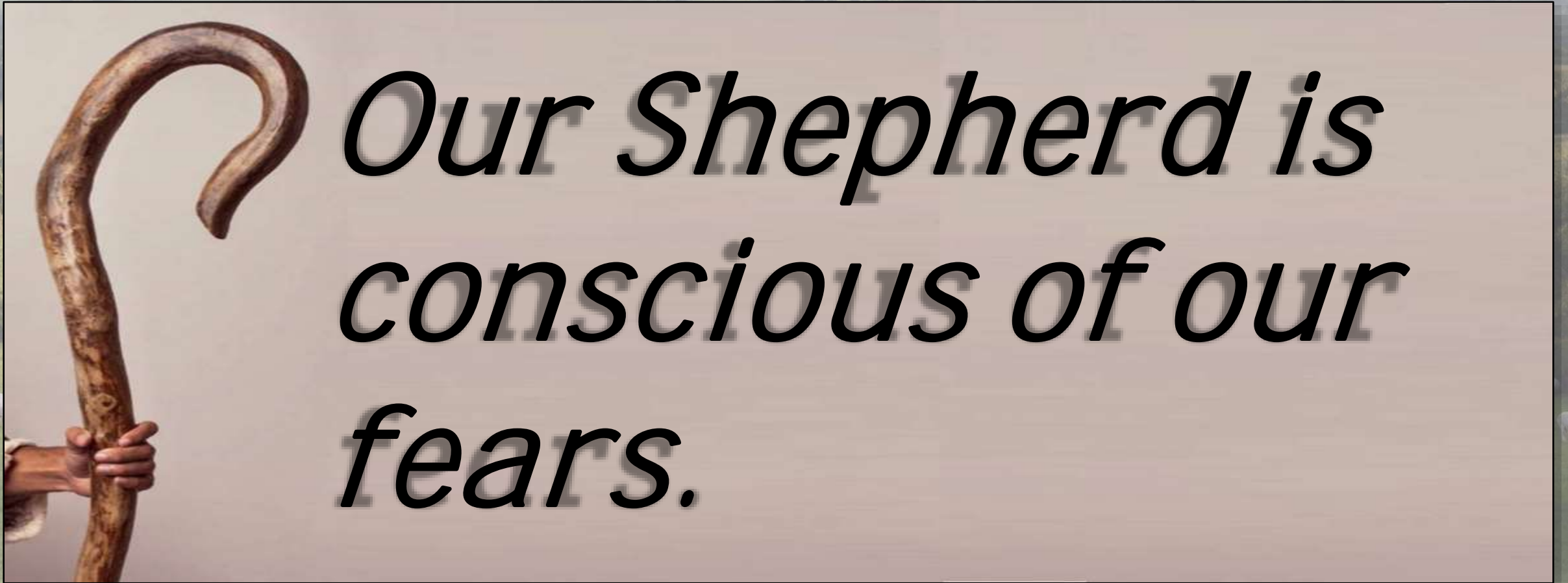
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He Restores

Psalms 23:3

He renews my strength.



*Our Shepherd
restores our soul.
He renews our
strength.*



*Good news:
He can restore
you!*

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He Protects, Corrects and Connects

Psalms 23:4


Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

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ROD:
Relatively
short, heavy
club-like
device.



STAFF:
Longer and
thinner, with a
hook or crook
at one end.

He Protects, Corrects and Connects

“I used to watch the African lads having competitions to see who could throw his rod with the greatest accuracy across the greatest distance. The effectiveness of these clubs in the hands of a skilled shepherd was a thrill to watch. The rod was, in fact, an extension of the owners own right arm. It stood as a symbol of strength, power, and his authority in any serious situation. The rod was what he relied on to safeguard both his flock and himself in danger.”

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“Furthermore, the rod was the instrument he used to discipline and correct any wayward sheep that insisted on wandering away. I could never get over how often and with what accuracy the African herders would hurl their rods at some disobedient sheep. If the shepherd saw a sheep wandering away on its own, or approaching poisonous weeds, or getting too close to danger of one sort or another, the rod would go whistling through the air to send the wayward animal scurrying back to the flock.”

He Protects, Corrects and Connects

Hebrews 12:5-11

And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, “My child, don’t make light of the LORD’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you.”⁶ For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”⁷ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is

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treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? ⁸

If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. ⁹ Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of

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the Father of our spirits, and live forever?

*¹⁰ For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, **doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness.** ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! **But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.***



*He leads us to
righteousness ...
you can't become
righteous without
correction!*



*To be sheepish we
must be corrected and
protected by the
Shepherd.*

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*The Shepherd still
does these same
things today through
His Word, Holy Spirit,
and the body.*

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He Protects, Corrects and Connects

Psalms 23:5

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.



*Let The Shepherd guide,
provide, restore, protect,
comfort, correct,
connect you and
anoointing is the result.*

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