

THE PERSONAL NATURE OF GOD

CHAPTER THEME: WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LIVE A LIFE IN DEPENDENCE ON GOD

PSALM 23:1

OBJECTIVE: LEARN WHY WE NEED JESUS TO BE OUR SHEPHERD

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OUR CONVENIENCES HAVE CREATED A HUNGER FOR IDOLATRY, AS WE THINK EVERYTHING IS ABOUT US INSTEAD OF WHAT LIFE IS TRULY ABOUT, GOD.

THE TRUTH IS THAT WE ENTER THIS LIFE TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON OUR PARENTS AND MOST OFTEN WE END LIFE MOSTLY DEPENDENT UPON OUR CHILDREN.

1. WE ARE SHEEP WHO NEED A SHEPHERD

CONFIDENCE, PURPOSE, AND PEACE CAN ONLY DWELL WITH A PERSON WHO COMES TO THE REALIZATION THAT THEIR DEPENDENCY CAN ONLY BE FULFILLED BY THE TOTALITY OF GOD.

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE ETERNAL WORD OF GOD IS MOST EVIDENT IN THIS PSALM.

DAVID GIBSON, "THIS PSALM IS IN OUR BIBLES AS AN EXQUISITE DEPICTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST."

GOD LED DAVID TO PROVIDE A PORTRAIT OF OUR LEVEL OF DEPENDENCY THROUGH THE IMAGE OF A SHEPHERD AND SHEEP.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:30, "IF I MUST BOAST, I WILL BOAST OF THE THINGS THAT SHOW MY WEAKNESS."

UNTIL YOU AGREE WITH WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU, YOU CANNOT RECEIVE WHAT GOD OFFERS TO YOU.

ISAIAH 40:11, "LIKE A SHEPHERD HE WILL TEND HIS FLOCK, IN HIS ARMS HE WILL GATHER THE LAMBS AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM; HE WILL GENTLY LEAD THE NURSING EWES."

THIS PSALM REVEALS FOR BELIEVERS WHAT JESUS DOES FOR US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE AND NOT JUST AT DEATH.

GOD DOESN'T BELONG TO ME AND COME AT MY BECK AND CALL.
I BELONG TO GOD AND WILLINGLY SURRENDER MY LIFE TO HIM AS
MY ABSOLUTE OWNER.

ISAIAH 53:6, "ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY; WE HAVE TURNED-EVERY ONE-TO HIS OWN WAY; AND THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL."