

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1242: Is The Lord Really My Shepherd?

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1. Why is it particularly appropriate that Psalm 23 is written by David? In the primary interpretation of the analogy in this Psalm, who is the shepherd? Who are the sheep? In the secondary interpretation, who is the shepherd? Who are the sheep? Who is "My servant David" in Ezekiel 34? (See Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34:11-12, 23-24)
2. What is the difference between the description of what the shepherd provides the sheep, and the Judean hills where David shepherded? The sheep's focus is on what? Why? What do the sheep lack? (See Psalm 23:1, John 10:14-15, Philippians 4:18-20, Hebrews 12:2-3)
3. How might the scarcity of grass in Judea be better for the sheep than an abundant grass pasture? What is necessary to get new energy? How does Jesus supply this for us? (See Psalm 23:2, Ezekiel 34:13-15, Matthew 4:3-4)
4. What is our responsibility for the provisions that Jesus supplies? How does Jesus help us with our walk in following him? (See Psalm 23:1, 2 Timothy 2:15, Matthew 11:28-30)
5. Why do the waters sheep drink from have to be still and quiet? Psalm 46 is a prophecy of what? The waters roaring and foaming represent what? Who does the city of God represent? What makes the city glad? Why? Summarize Psalm 23:2 from the viewpoint of true Christians. (See Psalm 23:2, Psalms 46:3-5, John 4:13-14)
6. Describe two ways the shepherd saves the lives of his sheep? What is a "cast sheep"? What is our role if we find a cast sheep? (See Psalm 23:3, 1 Samuel 17:34-36, 1 John 2:1-2, Galatians 6:1)
7. How does the shepherd lead the sheep to keep them safe in "paths of righteousness"? What must we exhibit when we are being trained by Jesus? What is the purpose for which we are being trained? Explain. (See Psalms 23:3, 51:10-13, Luke 9:23, 2 Corinthians 5:20-21)
8. How do shepherds lead their flock during daylight? How does this change when it gets dark? Why is this a comfort to us? What are the tools our shepherd uses? How is David an example of how to react to correction from God? (See Psalms 23:4, 51:10-13, Matthew 28:19-20, Hebrews 12:11-13, 2 Samuel 12)
9. What is the promise in God and Jesus preparing a table for us? If we "dwell in the shelter of the Most High," what is the guarantee? With what oil are we anointed? What can "separate us from the love of God"? If our cup brims over with blessings, how can we give back our appreciation to our shepherd? (See Psalms 23:5, 91:1-7, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:37-39)
10. What pursues us in Psalm 23:6? Can we outrun it? What are our shepherding responsibilities to the brotherhood? How will you apply these lessons in your life? (Psalm 23:6, Isaiah 40:28-31, John 21:15-17, Acts 20:28-30)