

Finding Ultimate Contentment in Christ – A Series in the Psalms –

Being Led by the Spirit of God

Psalm 23:1-6; Rom. 8:14

Introduction: Psalm 23 is a Psalm about God's leadership. If we look at Psalm 23 in light of Romans 8:14 we see that the Spirit sometimes functions in a shepherding ministry. As we walk in the Spirit's strength, we experience blessing and power, no matter what comes our way. This Psalm is composed of three scenes.

1. ***SCENE 1: A LUSH FIELD – What does it mean receive the leadership of the Spirit? Psalm 23:1-4***
 - A. Picturing David's description of the field.
 - B. To receive the leadership of the Spirit, I need to embrace my identity as a sheep. 23:1a
 - C. To receive the leadership of the Spirit, I need to affirm the enormous resources that we already have through the Spirit. 23:2-3
 - D. To receive the leadership of the Spirit, I need to come to him in times of brokenness and pain. 23:4

2. ***SCENE 2: A LARGE TENT – What does it mean to see the Spirit as my gracious host? Psalm 23:5***
 - A. Picturing David's description of the tent.
 - B. To receive the Spirit's leadership, we need to come to him as our refuge. 23:5a
 - C. To receive the Spirit's leadership, we need to enjoy him as our host. 23:5b

3. ***SCENE 3: GOD'S TABERNACLE – What does it mean to dwell in the fullness of the Spirit's presence? Psalm 23:6***
 - A. Picturing David's description of the tabernacle.
 - B. To receive the Spirit's leadership, we cultivate an abundance mentality about the future. 23:6a
 - C. To receive the Spirit's leadership, we cultivate commitment to his fullness. 23:6b