**The Lord Is My Shepherd: Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV):** 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want (lack). 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

**Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV): ): 1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want (lack)(KJV – be in need)(NIV-be in want). 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures (pastures of tender grass); He leads me beside the still waters (Lit. waters of rest)(NIV – quiet waters). 3 He restores (KJV-brings back) my soul; He leads (NIV-guides) me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

**The Lord is to be the shepherd of his people. We see that relationship in many NT Scriptures.**

**Matthew 2:6; Matthew 26:31: Hebrews 13:20: Revelation 7:17: 1 Peter 5:1-4**

**Psalm 23:4 (NKJV):** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death (ESV-deep darkness), I will fear no evil (NAS-harm); For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**When we truly love the Lord (our Shepherd) we have nothing to fear!**

**1 John 4:17-19: Hebrews 13:6**

**Psalm 23:5 (NKJV):** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over (ESV&NAS-overflows).

**The Lord (our Shepherd) provides for His sheep with physical & spiritual nourishment!**

**Psalm 37:25: Matthew 6:33-34: Psalm 19:7-11: John 4:10-14: Revelation 7:15-17**

**Psalm 23:6a (NKJV):** Surely goodness and mercy (NIV-love) (NAS-loving kindness) shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

**When we follow the Shepherd, our lives will be filled with goodness & mercy.**

**Titus 3:4-7: I Peter 1:3-4: Ephesians 2:4-5; 5:8-11: James 3:17**

**Psalm 23:6b (NKJV):** Surely goodness and mercy (NIV-love) (NAS-loving kindness) shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

**The Lord wants all to be obedient sheep in His flock (His house)!**

***If you are in the Flock of Jesus, are you diligently following the Shepherd’s commands every day?***

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

***Have you entered the Flock of Jesus?***

**John 10:7-9; John 10:15-16**

To enter His Flock you need to believe the Shepherd, you need to confess that He is the son of God, you need to repent of your sins, and then you need to be immersed in the waters of baptism. Then you become one of His sheep, a Christian, who follows and obeys the Shepherd in all things.

If we can help you now, please come forward while we stand and as we sing!