

**Lesson 1 – Psalm 23:1a**  
**“The Lord is My \_\_\_\_\_”**

1. What is a \_\_\_\_\_?

a. The Translation of the Word.

- 1) In the Hebrew Bible = “ra ah” = rendered as an \_\_\_\_\_ participle.
- 2) In LXX = ποιμαίνει (poimainei) = \_\_\_\_\_ tense, active voice, indicative mood of ποιμάινω (poimaino).
- 3) “The Lord shepherds me” or “The Lord is shepherding me” = \_\_\_\_\_ and ongoing \_\_\_\_\_, protection, and \_\_\_\_\_.

b. The Meaning of the Word.

1) Zodhiates:

- a) To \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_, referring to kings and princes in regard to their people.
- b) Implies the whole office of the shepherd as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, folding (i.e., to pen up or confine the activities) of the flock as well as \_\_\_\_\_ it to nourishment.

2) Danker:

- a) Of activity that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or fosters; to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ for, \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Fig. – in the sense of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Who is David’s Shepherd?

a. Here, David is speaking as a \_\_\_\_\_ who knows from personal experience as a \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ of a sheep’s life is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ tied to the \_\_\_\_\_ of owner he has.

- 1) David proclaims with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is his shepherd.
- 2) It is like David is saying, “\_\_\_\_\_ *at who my shepherd is!*” **WHY?**

b. David’s shepherd is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) In the Hebrew Bible = “Yehwah” = the \_\_\_\_\_ one; in the LXX = “κύριος” = \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Ryrie – “The figure of a shepherd depicts the Lord as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and constant \_\_\_\_\_.”
- c. More importantly, David’s shepherd is none other than the \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_:

- a) 1 Cor 12:3 – “and that no man can say that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_, but by the Holy Ghost.”
- b) Php 2:11 – “And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, to the glory of God the Father.”

c) *Read* John 1:1,14,17:

- 1] Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ form.
- 2] Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_-man – Fully \_\_\_\_\_, yet fully \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3] Full of \_\_\_\_\_ (the \_\_\_\_\_ to do it) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish it).
- 4] The One who \_\_\_\_\_ everything that has ever been \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Jesus is also the \_\_\_\_\_:

- a) John 10:11 – “I am the \_\_\_\_\_.”
- b) Who is better qualified or able to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for us than He who \_\_\_\_\_ us?
- 1] John 10:10 – “... I am come that they might have \_\_\_\_\_, and that they might have it more \_\_\_\_\_.”
- 2] Heb 7:25 – “Wherefore he is able also to \_\_\_\_\_ them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make \_\_\_\_\_ for them.”
- 3] Php 1:6 – “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath \_\_\_\_\_ a good work in you will \_\_\_\_\_ it until the day of Jesus Christ:”

***“Sheep do not 'just \_\_\_\_\_ of themselves'...They require, more than any other class of livestock, endless \_\_\_\_\_ and meticulous \_\_\_\_\_.”***

4] **David is amazed and overcome with \_\_\_\_\_ by the fact that he, a mere mortal, has become the \_\_\_\_\_ object of \_\_\_\_\_ diligence.**

c) The problem is that so many tragically refuse to acknowledge and act upon this fact.

1] They would rather live under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd.

2] John 10:1, 10 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_. . . . The \_\_\_\_\_ cometh not, but for to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_:”

3) What makes Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_?

a) In addition to the magnificent \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that He provides to His sheep as David will explain in the remainder of this Psalm, the \_\_\_\_\_ that He paid to \_\_\_\_\_ His sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Him and Him alone as the \_\_\_\_\_.

1] John 10:11 – “the \_\_\_\_\_ giveth his \_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep.”

2] **Read Acts 20:28 – No greater \_\_\_\_\_ can or could have been \_\_\_\_\_ in order for Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ His sheep.**

3] David describes this horrific \_\_\_\_\_ in Ps 22:14-16.

b) He meets all the requirements of a \_\_\_\_\_:

1] A good shepherd doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ his sheep, but rather he gets out in front and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

2] A good shepherd doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at his sheep, but rather speaks to them in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ tones (remember Elijah in the cave).

3] A good shepherd will \_\_\_\_\_ down his \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for his sheep.

4] A good shepherd will \_\_\_\_\_ each individual sheep the \_\_\_\_\_ it needs.

5] A good shepherd will not \_\_\_\_\_ until one of his \_\_\_\_\_ sheep is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ back into the fold.

6] A good shepherd will \_\_\_\_\_ a good \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., \_\_\_\_\_) from the sheep in his care.

7] A good shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ his sheep so that all know that he is their \_\_\_\_\_  
and that they \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

3. In Conclusion:

- a. Is it any wonder why David proudly proclaims, “The Lord is my shepherd”?
- b. Is the Lord your shepherd? Does He own you? Have you been marked by Him? If not, now is the time to change that!