

Lesson 2 – Psalm 23:1b
“I Shall Not Want”

1. “I shall not want” in the sense of _____!

- a. The word **“want”** in the Hebrew Bible = “haser” = to _____ or to _____.
 - 1) Webster defines **want** as “to have _____ of or to _____ from the _____ of.”
 - 2) Webster defines **lack** as “to _____ from the absence or deficiency of.”
- b. This word is used in the OT to describe God’s _____ for His people.
 - 1) During the wilderness _____ – **Read Neh 9:19-21.**
 - 2) During the _____ in Samaria – **Read 1 Kings 17:1-16.**
 - 3) The Good Shepherd _____ fails to meet the _____ of His sheep.
 - a) **Ps 37:25** – “I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the _____, nor his seed _____.”
 - b) **Read Matt 7:7-11.**
 - c) **Matt 6:33** – “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and _____ these _____ shall be _____ unto you.”
 - d) **1 John 3:22** – “And whatsoever we ask, we _____ of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are _____ in his sight.”
 - 4) **Else Prov 13:15** says, “... the way of transgressors is hard.”

2. “I shall not want” in the sense of _____!

- a. Webster also defines **want** as “to have a strong _____ for.”
- b. Webster defines _____ as “conscious impulse toward something that promises _____ or _____ in its attainment.”
- c. Dr. Millard Erickson states in his *Christian Theology* that “human beings are _____ religious.” Why?
 - 1) **Read Rom 1:18-20.**

- 2) David has come to realize that only the Lord can _____ one's spirit. Only the Lord can _____ man's ultimate _____, which is the filling of the spiritual _____ that He placed in our _____ at the time of our creation through a personal _____ with Him.
- 3) David is saying in essence, "The Lord is my shepherd; He is all I want. I find no lack of _____ or _____ in Him; therefore, I will _____ no other."

d. Unlike the Rich Young Ruler:

- 1) The word "**want**" in the LXX = ὑστερήσει = Fut. Act. Ind. of ὑστερέω and this is the same verb used by the rich young ruler and by Jesus in His reply to him:
 - a) **Matt 19:20** – "The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what _____ I yet?"
 - b) **Mark 10:21-22** – "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: _____ thy way, _____ whatsoever thou hast, and _____ to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and _____, _____ the cross, and _____ me. And he was _____ at that saying, and went away _____: for he had great _____."
- 2) He didn't lack _____ or _____, but much more importantly he _____ having the _____ as his shepherd.
- 3) Like so many others, he decided to continue the futile effort of seeking his _____ and _____ in the attainment and possession of _____ things.

e. Unlike "Mrs. Gad-about."

3. If the Lord is your shepherd then your "_____ " has been changed!

- a. **2 Cor 5:17** – "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a _____ creature: _____ things are passed away; behold, _____ things are become _____."
- b. I shall not want my _____ life any longer.
- c. I shall not want to _____.
- d. I shall not want _____ that _____ of God.
- e. I shall not want to do _____ outside the _____ of God.
- f. I shall not want _____ treasure, but rather _____ treasure.

g. I shall not want to _____ or _____ my Shepherd.

h. I shall not want to be a _____ example to my _____ and others.

i. I shall not want _____ to die and go to _____.

j. But most of all, I shall not want any other _____!

4. Has the hole in your _____ been filled? Has your “_____” been changed? Is the _____ your shepherd? Is _____ all you want?