

Lesson 3 – Psalm 23:2a
“He Maketh Me to Lie Down in Green Pastures”

1. “He maketh me to lie down.”
 - a. This is all one word in the Hebrew – “rah-bats.”
 - 1) It means to “lay down.”
 - 2) It is rendered in the Hiphil and Imperfect:
 - a) The Hiphil expresses _____ action:
 - 1] In stead of **“I lie down.”**
 - 2] We get - **“He _____ (or) _____ me to lie down.”**
 - b) The Imperfect expresses _____, but _____ action.
 - b. “in green pastures:”
 - 1) The word translated green = “deh-sheh” = “a _____.”
 - 2) A _____ symbolizes _____ grass, which is green, _____, and _____.
For a sheep, life can’t get any better!
 - 3) “He causes me to lie down in pastures of _____, lush, _____ grass” – **HOW?**
 2. “He maketh me to lie down” because He removes or deals with the ___ impediments that prevent sheep from being able to _____.
 - a. The first impediment is _____:
 - 1) Sheep are extremely _____ and easily _____ – their only defense is to run.
 - a) Just about anything will _____ them (e.g., stray jack-rabbit, tiny puppy).
 - b) Ewes, heavy with lamb, will _____ their babies when _____ by dogs or other predators.
 - c) The slightest suspicion of _____ will keep them on their _____ ready to _____.
 - 2) Keller quickly learned that nothing so _____ and reassured the sheep as his _____ among them.

- a) **Heb 13:5** – “... I will never _____ thee, nor _____ thee.”
- b) **2 Tim 1:7** – “For God hath not given us the spirit of _____; but of _____, and of love, and of a _____ mind.”
- c) **John 16:33** – “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have _____. In the world ye shall have _____: but be of good _____; I have _____ the world.”
- d) **Read John 10:27-29.**
- b. The second impediment is _____ and _____ among _____:
- 1) Talk about the “butting order” – (i.e., _____, _____, and _____ – wanting to be “_____ -sheep”).
 - 2) Again, Keller quickly learned that the _____ of the shepherd put an end to all _____.
- a) **Gal 3:28** – “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all _____ in Christ Jesus.”
 - b) **2 Cor 10:12** – “For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or _____ ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they _____ themselves by themselves, and _____ themselves among themselves, are not wise.”
 - c) **Gal 5:15** – “But if ye _____ and _____ one another, take heed that ye be not _____ one of another.”
 - d) **Php 4:11** – “Not that I speak in respect of _____: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be _____.”
- c. The third impediment is _____/_____ from _____ sources:
- 1) “Being _____ by the world.”
 - 2) A good shepherd will provide _____ and _____ from being _____:
 - a) **1 Pet 5:7** – “Casting all your _____ upon him; for he _____ for you.”
 - b) **James 4:7** – “_____ yourselves therefore to God. _____ the devil, and he will _____ from you.”
 - c) **1 Cor 10:13** – “There hath no _____ taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not _____ you to be _____ above that

ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to _____, that ye may be able to _____ it.”

d. The fourth impediment is _____:

1) Nothing gives a shepherd more _____ than seeing his healthy and productive sheep peacefully _____ themselves on the _____ grass that he was worked so hard to _____ them.

2) **Read 1 Pet 2:2-5.**

3. The LXX translated “rah-bats” as κατεσκήνωσεν (kateskavosen) = to _____:

a. In the NT, it is spoken of birds as nesting in the branches (i.e., a place of _____ and a place where the young are _____ and _____ for).

b. It is also spoken of in the NT of birds as nesting under the shadow or shade of the branches (i.e., a place of _____).

c. Peter, quoting the LXX version of Ps 16, uses it in Acts 2:26 with the meaning of “to _____.”

4. I want to conclude tonight by looking at **Ps 16:8-10**:

a. **Read v8**: “I shall not be moved” is the Aor, Pass, Subj of σαλεύω (saleuo):

1) “To move to and fro.” We get our words _____ & seismograph from it.

2) “Metaphorically, to move in _____, agitate, _____.”

3) David is saying, because the Lord is with me I have _____!

4) Remember, nothing calms the sheep like the _____ of the shepherd.

b. **Read v9**: As a result:

1) My heart is _____. My tongue _____.

2) And better yet, my body will _____ in hope.

c. **Read v10**: Why can David and all those who have the Lord as their Shepherd live in peace and rest in hope? Because, what the Lord did for His Son (i.e., _____ Him from the _____), He _____ to do for us also!

5. In conclusion, the Good Shepherd has supplied _____ pastures for those who choose to move onto them and there they will find _____ and _____ as well as _____ for your souls.