

Lesson 4 - Psalm 23:2b
“He Leadeth Me Beside The Still Waters”

1. What is this a picture of?

a. For Sheep – It is a picture of sheep whose owner _____ enough about them (i.e. he is a _____ shepherd) that he has _____ them to a comfortable and quiet _____ place located along side _____, _____ life giving _____ so that they can _____ themselves in peace and tranquility.

b. For Jesus’ Sheep:

1) “he leadeth me” = ἐξέθρεψέν (Aor, A, Ind of ἐκτρέφω) in the LXX:

a) “To provide _____, _____” – BDAG.

b) “To bring up to _____ such as children” – Zod.

c) Used only twice in the NT – Eph 6:4 and **Eph 5:29** – “For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but _____ (ἐκτρέφει) and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the _____:”

d) IAW Zod., it is the synonym of χορτάζω = “to _____ or _____”:

1] **Matt 14:20** – “And they did _____ eat, and were _____ (ἐχορτάσθησαν): and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.”

2] The same word is used in verses 4 and 8 of **Mark 8:1-9**.

3] No one can _____ our _____ and _____ needs like the Good Shepherd.

2) “still” = ἀναπαύσεως (fem, sing, gen of ἀνάπαυσις) in the LXX:

a) “_____, inward _____ while one performs necessary labor.” – Zod.

b) **Matt 11:29** – “Take my _____ upon you, and _____ of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find _____ (ἀνάπαυσιν) unto your souls.”

c) **Rev 14:11** – “And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no _____ (ἀνάπαυσιν) day nor night, who _____ the beast and his image, and whosoever _____ the mark of his name.”

d) True inward _____ can only be found in a _____ with the Good Shepherd.

3) This is a picture of God's children living lives of inward _____ because they are allowing themselves to be _____ and _____ by Him.

2. Why is this so important?

a. Without water we _____. We _____ up from the inside out.

1) **Read John 4:10-14:**

a) Jesus offers "_____ water" and _____ people to _____ of Him.

b) To _____ of Jesus means to "_____ in" – or "to _____" – or "to _____." "That is to say it implies that a person _____ and _____ the very life of God in Christ to the point where it becomes a _____ of him" – Keller.

2) **Read John 7:37-39:**

a) Here we learn that the "_____ water" is a reference to the _____.

b) The _____ is our source of _____ life.

1] He is the agent of our _____ – John 3:5, Titus 3:5.

2] He is the agent of our _____ sanctification – Eph 4:30, 1 Peter 1:2.

3] He is the agent of our _____ sanctification – John 16:13.

4] He is our _____ – John 14:26.

b. We can't experience inward _____ or spiritual _____ without _____ of Him on a _____ basis.

3. The two things that prevent us from experiencing inward _____ and spiritual _____ in our lives.

a. Not _____ the Good Shepherd to _____ our lives via the _____.

1) His command to Matthew was "You _____ me!" – (Matt 9:9).

2) What does it mean "to _____" the Good Shepherd?

a) To accept as authority: _____.

b) To copy after: _____.

c) To watch _____.

- d) To keep the _____ on.
 - e) To go, proceed, or _____ after.
 - f) _____ as a way of life.
- 3) What does it mean to allow Jesus “to _____” one’s life?
- a) To _____ on a way – to _____ sanctification – to be _____ to His image – Rom 8:29.
 - b) To _____ on a course – His _____ for your life.
 - c) To _____ as a channel for (a pipe leads water into a house) – spiritual _____, _____, proclamation.
 - d) To _____ the operations, activity, or performance of – He is in _____ not you, what He says _____ no matter the cost.
 - e) To have _____ of (to lead a campaign) – to _____ to His authority.
 - f) To go at the _____ of – to put Him _____ in all aspects of our lives. Remember, He is the one with the _____, not us!
- b. Not drinking _____ from His watering _____.
- 1) Use Keller’s illustration of the sheep on the way to clean, pure running water.
 - 2) We do not appreciate that often there is a _____ reaction and that considerable time may elapse before the _____ impact of our _____ strikes home. Suddenly we find ourselves in deep trouble and we wonder why.
- c. **Jer 2:13** – “For my people have committed two evils; they have _____ me the fountain of living waters, and _____ them out cisterns, _____ cisterns, that can _____ no water.”
- 1) “It is a compelling picture. It is an accurate portrayal of broken lives – of shattered hopes – of barren souls that are _____ up and parched and full of the dust of _____” – Keller.
 - 2) The choice is ours. We can either allow the Good Shepherd to _____ us beside the still waters or we can follow our _____ path and become _____ cisterns which are no good to anyone, especially to God.