

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: The Sufficiency of God

Text: Psalm 23

Introduction: The twenty-third Psalm is a word picture of God. When David got through with it, we have a better idea of what God is like. His opening statement, "**The Lord is my Shepherd,**" is the key to the whole Psalm.

The word "**Lord**" is the Hebrew name "Yahweh." It is the personal name for God that distinguished Him from all the false gods of that day. It is the most popular name for God in the Bible, used 6,823 times in Scripture. The name was so revered by the ancient Jews that it was never spoken, only written. When they spoke the name of God they used the title "Adonai." Every time they wrote the name Yahweh, they did it with a new quill and new ink. If a scribe, in the process of copying the Scriptures, came to the name Yahweh, he found new materials that had never been used before. Then with a new pen and new ink he wrote, "Yahweh." Each time thereafter he went through the same process.

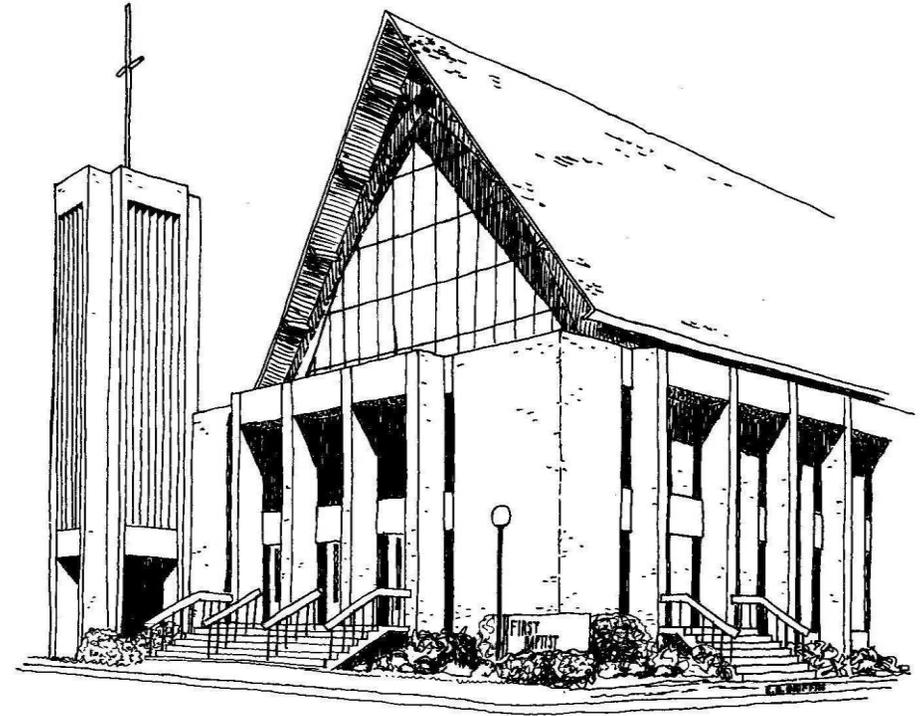
The verb "**is**" is in the present tense. In fact, every verb in this Psalm is in the present tense. David was not telling us what God had done for him in the past or what he hoped God would do for him in the future. Rather, he was telling what God meant to him right at the moment.

David used the personal pronoun "**my**." He did not say the Lord is a shepherd (that is one among many). Nor did he say the Lord is the Shepherd as though He were distant and remote. David said "[He] is **my** Shepherd."

The word "**Shepherd**" suggests God's tender care. David had been a shepherd as a child. He understood what it was to lead his sheep, to protect them from danger, to seek after them when they went astray, to anoint them with oil when they were wounded, and then to bring them safely into the fold at the end of the day. From his own experience he declared: "The Lord is to me what a shepherd is to his sheep." With this awareness of God, it naturally follows that David would add, "**I shall not want**" or "**I shall not be in want.**"

God is all-sufficient, supplying our every need. A little girl put it this way, "The Lord is my Shepherd. He is all I want." What do we need to learn about the sufficiency of God?

- I. God provides the _____ of life. (Psalm 23:2-3)
- II. God provides _____ through life. (Psalm 23:4)
- III. God provides _____ after life. (Psalm 23:5-6)



Sunday, April 26, 2020

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Worship
MORNING SERVICE
10:15 A.M.

Songs of Praise and Worship

Revive Us Again
Victory in Jesus
Still

Welcome & Reading of God's Word.....Worship Ministry

Offertory Prayer.....Donny Tipton

Message in Song.....Scott & Cindy Graham
Glorious Day

Message.....Larry Gipson
For Such A Time As This
The Sufficiency of God, Psalm 23

Postlude.....Celebration Band
Victory in Jesus



FBC GOAL-\$10,000
RECEIVED TO DATE-\$7,124.60

DRIVE THROUGH FIRST BAPTIST

Friday, May 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wanda and I have been missing you! Therefore, on Friday, May 1st, we are having a "Drive Through First Baptist" from 2-4. We will position ourselves in the alley by the church office. We invite you to enter from the CDC end and drive up and talk to us and we will pray with you. Don't worry. We will be sure to practice "social distancing." Also, to show our love, we have a gift for you. We hope to see you!

Bro. Larry

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER RALLY-LIVESTREAM

Thursday, May 7, 12:00 noon

Join us as area church leaders lead in a time of prayer. Go to the church website to livestream, oneontafbc.org.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **April 26-May 2**

1 Chronicles 6, 7-12, Psalm 81, 88, 92-93, 102-104, 106-107, 133,
2 Samuel 5:1-10

BIBLE READING MARATHON

The Annual Bible Reading Marathon will be on Thursday, May 7. The entire Bible will be read by people in Blount County over a 24 hour period. Each person will read at home for approximately 15 minutes, anytime during the day. You will be assigned specific Scriptures.

Please call or email Andrea in the office to participate.