

Speaking to One Another in Psalms

(Psalm 23)

- Introduction:
1. This psalm is, without a doubt, one of the most well-known passages in the Bible.
 2. Consequently, one may find it easy to “tune out” because, “who doesn’t already know all of this?”
 3. But I want to encourage you to, in the words of Johnny Ramsey, “Listen better than you’ve ever listened before.”
 4. You see, this psalm has almost been relegated to the end of one’s life, and this is a tragic mistake.
 5. Rather, this psalm needs to be embraced in order to properly live life.

I. The Good Shepherd Provides

- A. (Psalm 23:1).
- B. His provisions center on our needs, not wants, and spiritual rather than physical (Matthew 8:20).
- C. Part of God’s provision is our purpose in life (Ephesians 2:10).

II. The Good Shepherd Leads

- A. (Psalm 23:2-3).
- B. There are so many paths we can take that ultimately are dead-ends.
- C. Through the Living Word and the written word, God leads us to (1 John 5:3; Psalm 119:105; John 8:12).
- D. Think of how hard life is for those who do not have a good shepherd.

III. The Good Shepherd Protects

- A. (Psalm 23:4).
- B. The providence of God is a great and overwhelming demonstration of God’s power and goodness (Romans 8:28).
- C. His “fences” are not to keep us from fulfillment, but to protect us from harm.

IV. The Good Shepherd Blesses

- A. (Psalm 23:5-6).
- B. We have God’s blessings in this life and in the next.
- C. What else could we want?

- Conclusion:
1. God is so good (Psalm 107:1)!
 2. His goodness leads to repentance (Romans 2:4).
 3. If you’re sheep that has gone astray, and has not listened to the direction of the Good Shepherd, realize the folly of your decision, repent of your rebellion, and embrace goodness and love of our God.