Notes: Sermon Text Subject Spiritual "To Do List" (things God has shown me today)

Life is not all green pastures and quiet streams. "The valley of the shadow of death" (v.4) could also be translated, "the valley of gloom" or "the valley of deep darkness". The same word is used in other places in the Old Testament. Job spoke of dying when he said,

I go to the place of no return, to the land of gloom and <u>deep shadow</u>, to the land of deepest night, of <u>deep shadow</u> and disorder, where even the light is like darkness. (Job 10:21-22, NIV)

Psalm 107 talks of those who had rebelled against God sitting "in darkness and the <u>deepest gloom</u>, prisoners suffering in iron chains" (v.10, NIV). But God delivered them when they turned to Him.

Isaiah was prophesying about the coming Messiah when he wrote:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2, NIV)

As we read these usages of the word and reflect back on Psalm 23:4, we see that the psalmist might be talking about literal death, but not necessarily. Our lives can also be shrouded by deep mental and emotional darkness. The point is this: when we can see and feel nothing but darkness and gloom, we don't need to be afraid. When he says, "I will fear no evil," he doesn't just mean moral evil, but anything negative or harmful. Even when my life is immersed in deepest darkness, I don't need to be afraid, for my Shepherd is with me. I can know that He is still there, providing for every need.

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (v.4b, NASB)

A Palestinian shepherd normally carried two implements: a club (or rod) to fend off wild beasts, and a crook (or staff) to guide and control the sheep. We can be confident in our Shepherd's protection and care no matter what comes.

— by Ken Bible

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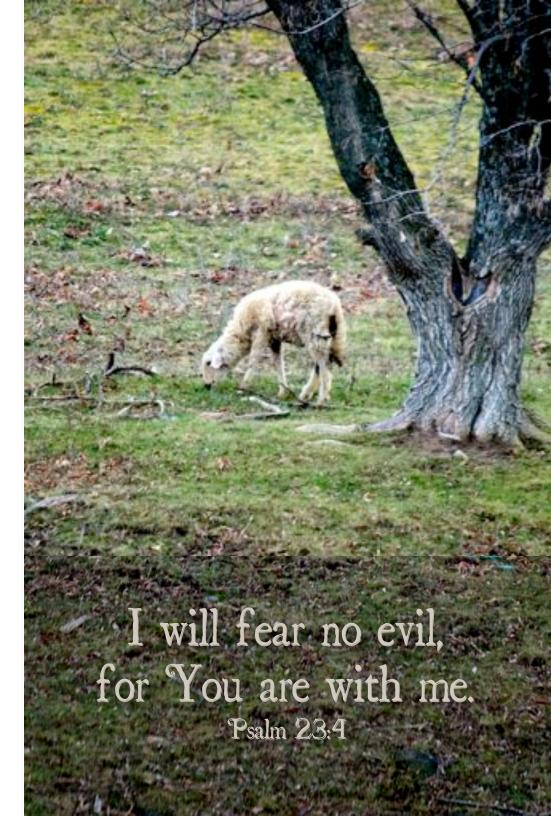


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Welcome! This morning, we turn our hearts and our attention to the Good Shepherd who loves the sheep and knows each one of us by name. As we worship let us listen to our Shepherd's voice, and turn away from other voices calling.

Call to Worship

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

— Psalm 23

Announcements

- May 6 National Day of Prayer
- May 9 Mothers Day
- May 12-14 Work days at Victory Grove Camp
- May 13 Annual business meeting
- May 16 Ascension Sunday
- May 21 Zone Rally at Rockwood PHC Night of Prayer. Our assignment is Saturday 1-2 a.m.
- May 23 Pentecost
- May 30 Trinity Sunday

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affection of men, grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that among the sundry & manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Christ our Lord. Amen—BCP

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

- This week we are praying especially for our pioneer work at Wilkes-Barre, PA. Our family in residence is Erik and Megan Samborski and their five children.
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Pray** for the persecuted church, and Christians in danger all over the world.
- Continue to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Billses, B. Fay, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
 - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
 - Ashley Blackmon, Shelby, Matt Barnett, Shannon, Gary Mills, Gina Peabody, Mary O., Avis Blowers, Lois Schenck, Rosemary Snyder, Anita P., Joanna Howell, Greg Davis, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
 - Those affected by the pandemic, especially the Byer family.

April 27 - May 2 Revival services at Grand Gorge PHC. Speaker - John Zechman

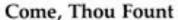
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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Other announcements & prayer requests

We have been unable to get permission to print the first hymn "Gentle Shepherd"



NETTLETON Robert Robinson, 1735-1790 John Wyeth, 1770 - 1858 3rd Stanza Alt. 1931 1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my beart to sing Thy grace. 2. Here 1 raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come. 3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm constrained to be! Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise. And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, Safe-Iy to ar-rive at home. Let that grace, now like a fet - ter, Bind my yield-ed heart to Thee. Teach me some me - lo-dious son-net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a-bove. Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Let me know Thee in Thy full-ness; Guide me by Thy might-y hand Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un-changing love. He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre-cious blood. Till, transformed, in Thine own im - age In Thy pres - ence I shall stand.



Deut. 31:6; Ps. 18:31-35; 84:11-12; 2 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 1:7; Heb. 4:16; James 1:5.