

WHY JESUS? Because We Need a Shepherd By Pastor Robby Bradford

(John 10:10-11) “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. I am the good **shepherd**. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

(Psalm 100:3) Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and **we are his**; we are his people, the **sheep** of his pasture.

(Psalm 23:1-6 NKJV) The Lord is my **Shepherd**; I shall not want. He **makes me to lie down** in green pastures; He **leads me** beside the still waters. He **restores** my soul; He **leads** 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 **You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they **comfort** me. You **prepare** a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You **anoint** my head with oil; My cup **runs** over. Surely **goodness** and **mercy shall follow me** all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

1. The Shepherd satisfies.

(v. 1) I shall **not want**.

(Philippians 4:19) And my God will meet **all** your needs **according** to his glorious **riches** in Christ Jesus.

2. The Shepherd leads.

(vv. 2-3) He **makes me to lie down** in green pastures; He **leads me** beside the still waters. He **restores** my soul. He **leads** me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

(John 10:3-5) “The sheep **listen** to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and **leads** them out...his sheep **follow** him because they **know** his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”

3. The Shepherd restores.

(v.3) He **restores** my soul.

(John 14:27) “**Peace** I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

4. The Shepherd supports.

(v.4) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for **You are with me**;

(2 Timothy 4:16-17) No one came to my **support**, but everyone deserted me...but the Lord **stood at my side** and gave me **strength**.”

5. The Shepherd defends.

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

(John 10:11) “The good shepherd **lays down** his life for the sheep.”

6. The Shepherd blesses.

(vv. 5-6) You **prepare** a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You **anoint** my head with oil; My cup **runs** over. Surely **goodness** and **mercy shall follow me** all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

(Hebrews 13:20-21) May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with **everything good** for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

OUR RESPONSE

- ✓ Know, follow and surrender to the Shepherd.

(John 10:14) “I **know** my **sheep** and my **sheep know me**.”