



Sunday, December 3, 2017

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

“The LORD is my Shepherd”

Q: What comes to mind when you hear the phrase, “The LORD is my Shepherd?”

He is Eternal (Revelation 1:8); Creator (Genesis 1:1); He is all-knowing (Psalm 147:4-5); He is everywhere present (Psalm 139:7-10); He is all-powerful (Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26)

I. I shall dwell with _____ (v.1-3)

Q: Have you thought much of how much God loves you?

Q: Have you considered the great pain He went through to demonstrate this sacrificial love?

Q: Can you be content with this kind of Shepherd?

Our first statement is, "The Lord is my Shepherd. Therefore, I shall dwell with contentment because the Lord is my provision. He is my provision of..."

A. Of _____—"He maketh me to lie down" (v. 2a)

1. Rest when free of _____

Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for **I** am with thee; be not dismayed; for **I** am thy God: **I** will strengthen thee; yea, **I** will help thee; yea, **I** will uphold thee with the right hand of **My** righteousness.

2. Rest when free of _____

3. Rest when free of _____

4. Rest when free of _____

Matthews 11:28-29 Come unto **Me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take **My** yoke upon you, and learn of **Me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

B. Of _____—"He leadeth me beside still waters" (v. 2b)

John 7:37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, "**If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.**"

Psalm 1:1-3

C. Of _____ —“*He restoreth my soul*” (v. 3a)

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of **God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Psalm 42:11 —“*Hope thou in God*” — Biblical hope speaks of patient confidence.

D. Of _____ —“*He leadeth me in the paths of ...*” (v. 3b)

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

John 14:6 **Jesus** saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the **Father**, but by **Me**.”

Summary: “*The LORD is my Shepherd*”, therefore I shall dwell with contentment because of His faithful provision of rest, refreshment, restoration and righteousness.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: to Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!