

**'Hallelujah' Sermon Series**  
*The true foundation of praise & worship from the book of Psalm*

# Understanding My Shepherd

 Mount Zion Church  
Sunday Service  
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## **Psalm 23**

**The Lord the Shepherd of His People**

**A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.





## Psalm 23

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> 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.





## Psalm 23

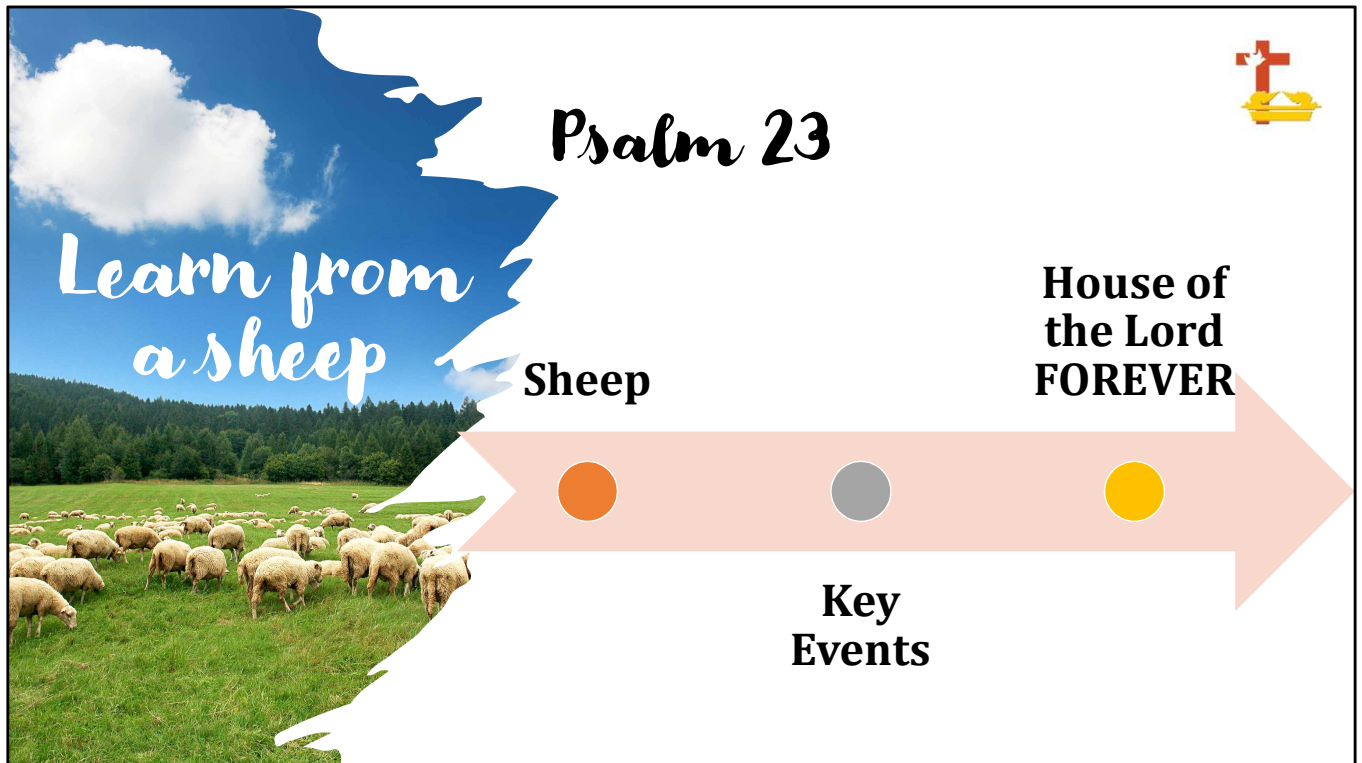
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### Keywords:

1. Shepherd & sheep
2. Want – what is your want?
3. Lie down, rest
4. Green pastures, still waters
5. Restoration
6. The sake of His name
7. The valley of the shadow of death, the enemies
8. Rod & staff



### Key Events:

1. The valley of the shadow of death
2. The enemies

The key event is the **moment when the character becomes engaged by the inciting event.**

We will understand more of the Shepherd when we go through a key event in our life. A moment that will create a personal experience, even the unforgettable one!

### 1SAMUEL 17

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard, and struck and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he

has defied the armies of the living God.” <sup>37</sup> Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”



## Sheep & Shepherd

- Abel: 1<sup>st</sup> shepherd
- Abram, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
- “Your servants’ occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers.” *Gen.46:34A*
- Every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians *Gen.46:34B*

**NET:** for everyone who takes care of sheep is disgusting to the Egyptians

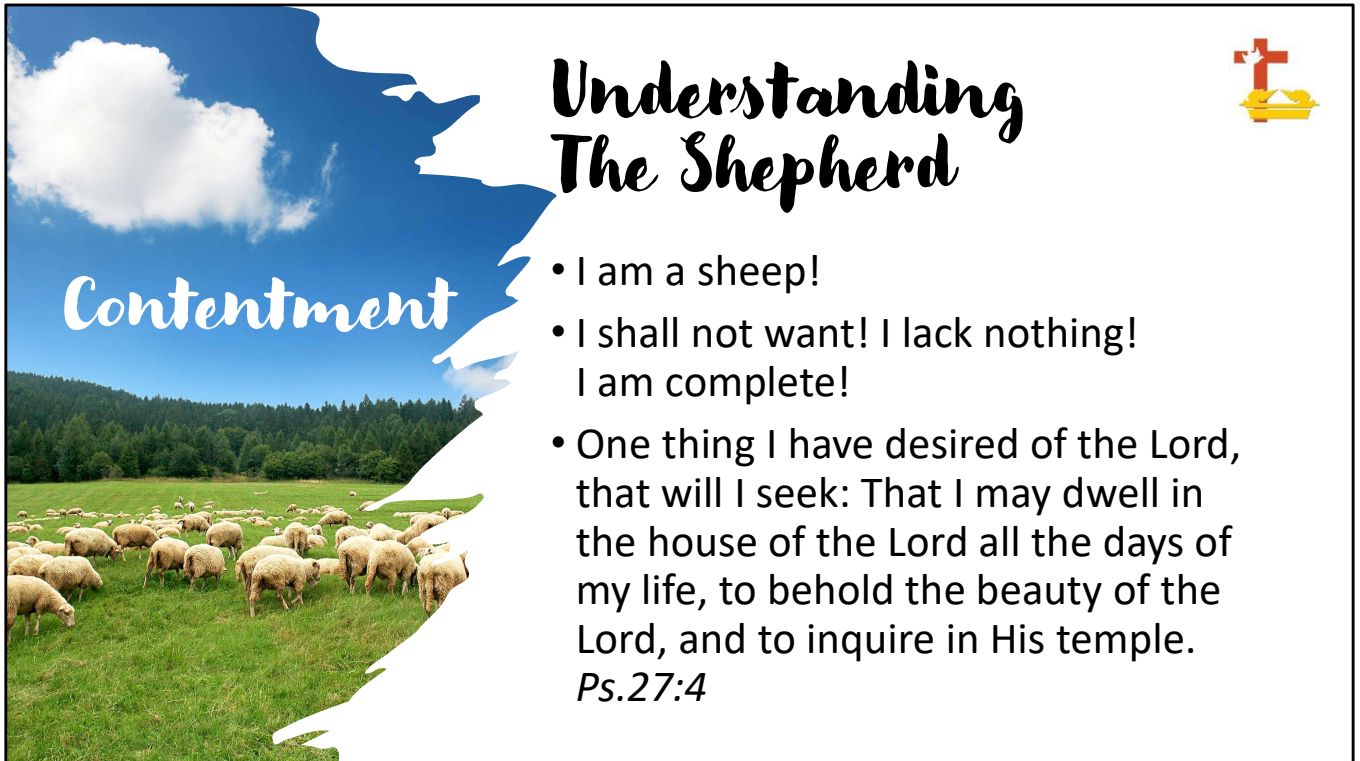
**NIV:** all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians

Why abomination? Weak animal, no mighty at all. Just eat grass, no bloody fighting.

Egypt is well known for **horse!**

## *A Sheepdog Working A Flock of Sheep*





## Understanding The Shepherd

### Contentment

- I am a sheep!
- I shall not want! I lack nothing! I am complete!
- One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.  
*Ps.27:4*

**CONTENTMENT: “I am good with this grass and water!”**

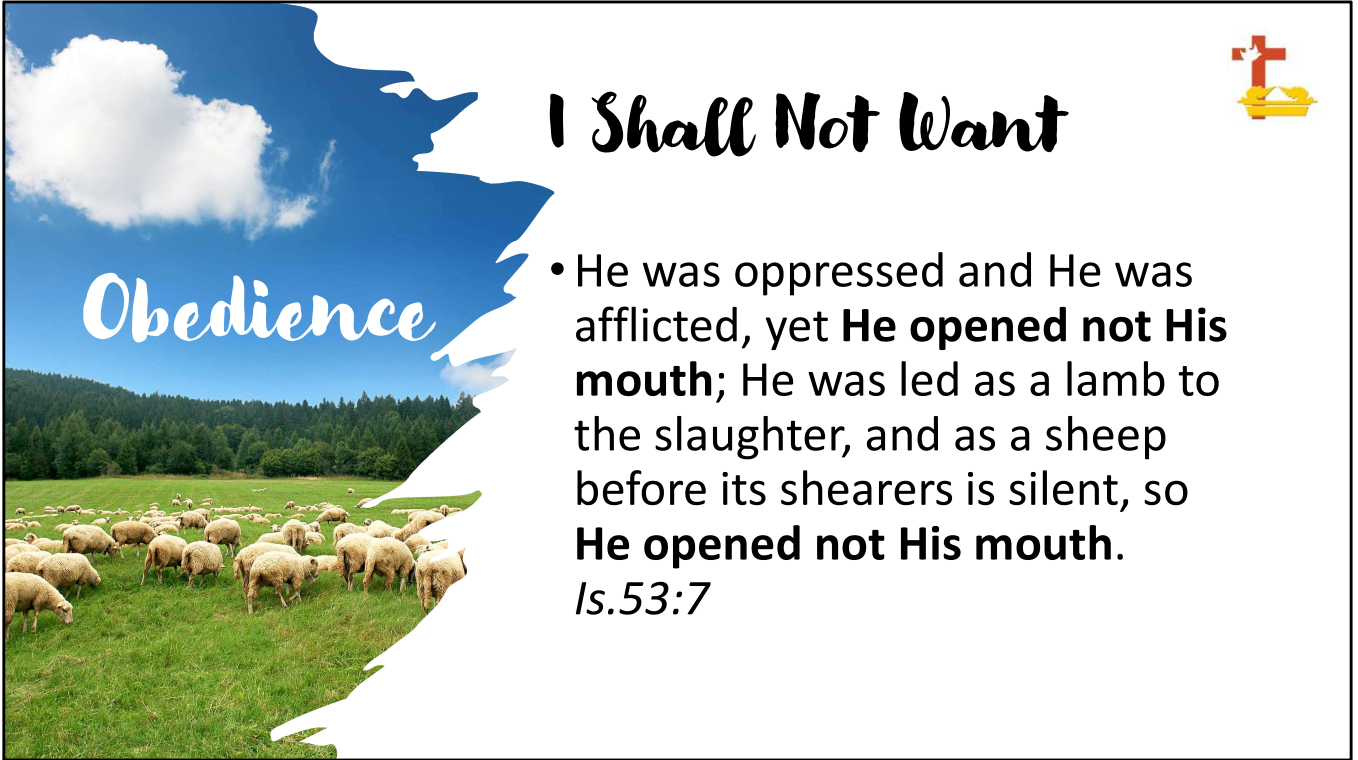
**1TIMOTHY 6** <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

**HEBREWS 13** <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and **be content** with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we say with **confidence**, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

**NKJV:** <sup>5</sup> *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

## **Contentment confusion!**

I want more, I need more, I can do more.



# I Shall Not Want

## Obedience

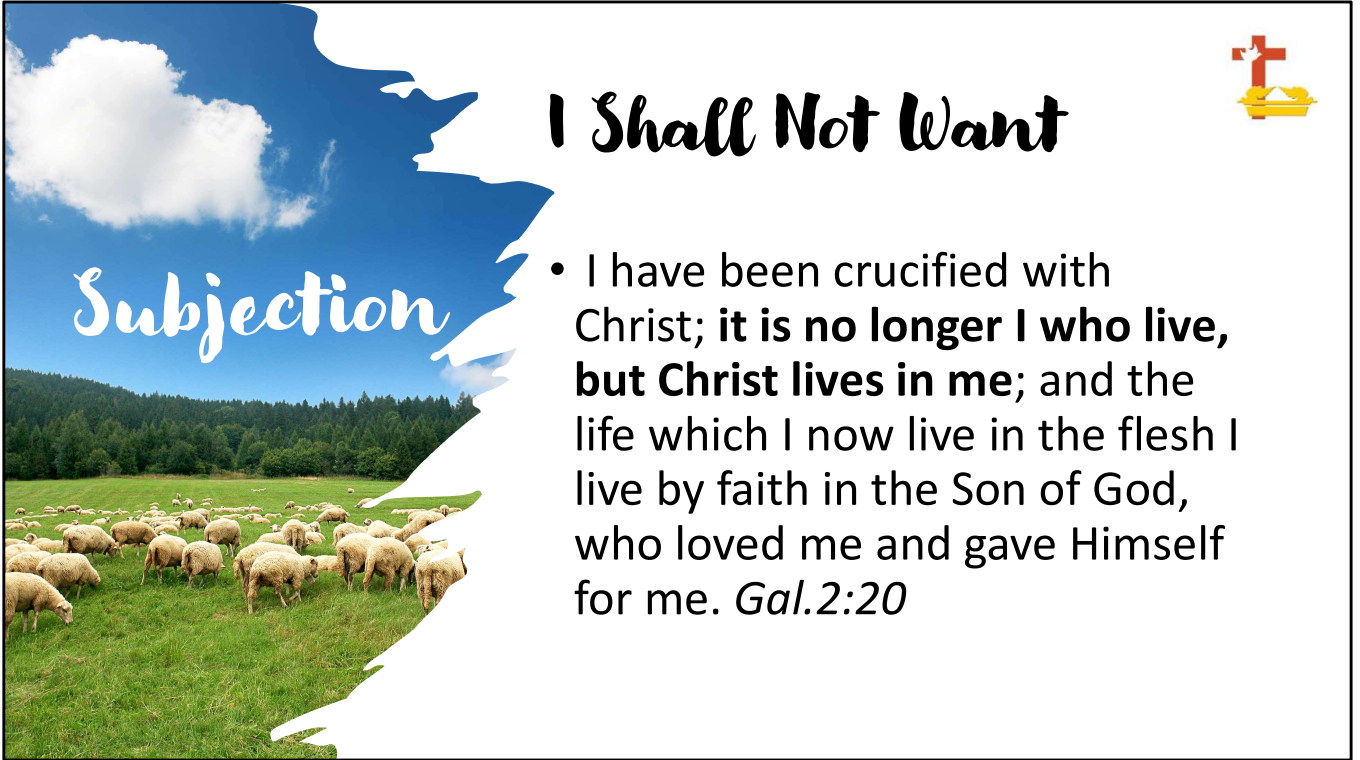
- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet **He opened not His mouth**; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so **He opened not His mouth.**

*Is.53:7*

He will let us to experience His power through **the key events** in our life!

### JOHN 10

<sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and **the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.**



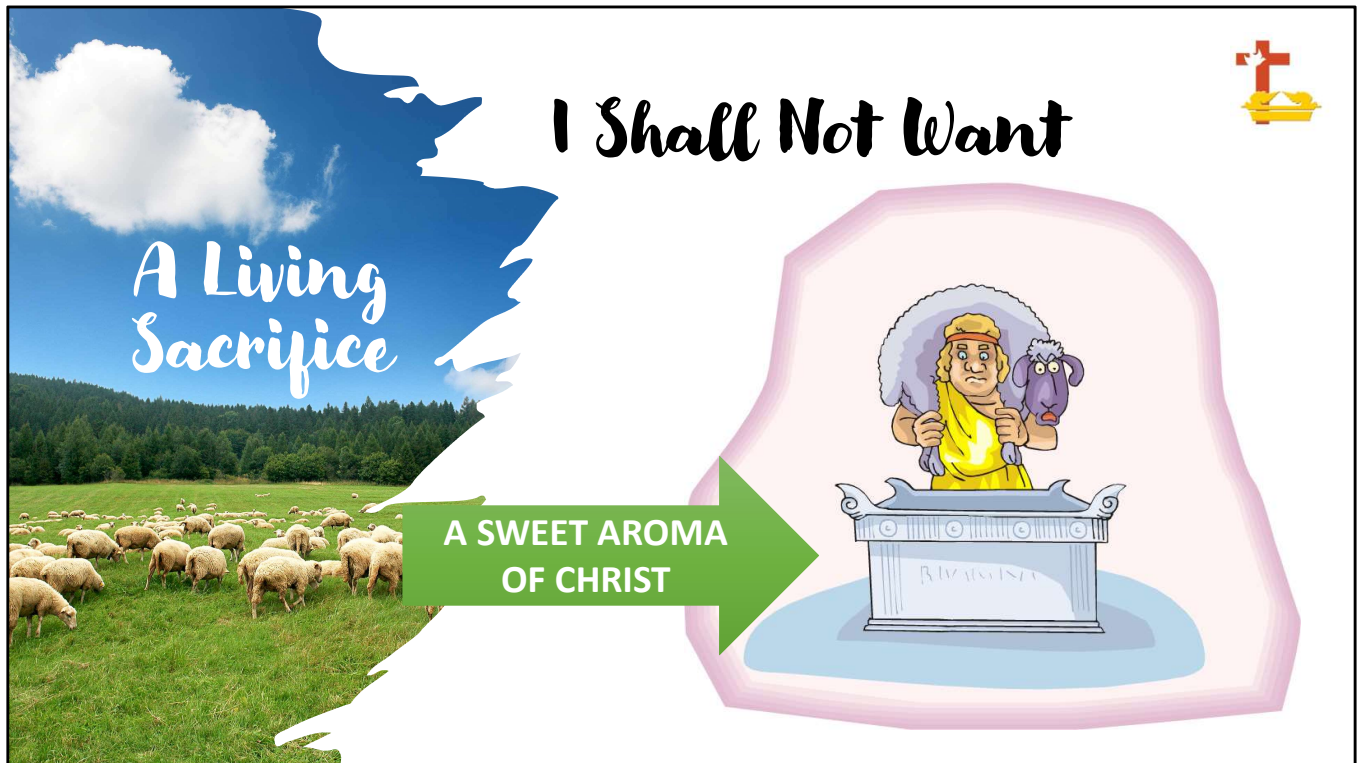
# I Shall Not Want

*Subjection*

- I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. *Gal.2:20*

## MATTHEW 26

<sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.”



## WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE SHEEP?

After eating so many grass and drinking waters? They become **a sacrifice animal!**  
They eat clean things!

### Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### BECOMING A SWEET AROMA!

**2CORINTHIANS 2** <sup>14</sup> Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. <sup>15</sup> For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being

saved and among those who are perishing.

**LEVITICUS 1** <sup>9</sup> And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, **a sweet aroma to the Lord.**



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