

GOD WITH US IN OUR FEAR



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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of December 23, 2018

Psalm 23

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend we were reminded that God is with us in our fear. Why is it important to know and understand this assurance?

2 Do you have a fear that presents itself often in your life? Explain.

3 During those moments of fear and anxiety, how do remember or remind yourself of the truths found in Psalm 23?

DIGGING DEEPER

1 **John 10:11-15, ESV** – ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Looking at the passage above, Jesus tells us that he is the good shepherd. What does a good shepherd do for the sheep?

How does a shepherd know the sheep? How does the sheep know the shepherd?

If a believer in Christ truly understands and believes that Jesus is their shepherd, how should they live their life?

2 ***Psalm 118:6-9, ESV** – ⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.*

***Matt 6:31-34, ESV** – ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Looking at the passages above, how can a Christian confidently not live in fear?

Why is it better to seek “the kingdom of God and his righteousness” instead of physical needs?

Describe a time in your life when you have had to rely on Jesus, as your shepherd, to guide and protect you?

TAKING IT HOME

God is with us during our times of fear. He leads us, protects us, and provides for our needs. He simply asks us to take refuge in him and trust him for all our needs. Do you find yourself currently paralyzed by fear or anxious for something? What is your next step in following your shepherd?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 27:1

Psalm 31:19-20

Psalm 118:6

Isaiah 40:11

Ezekiel 34:11-16