

Today's Sermon:
Confidently Trust the Shepherd's Rule
Text: Psalm 23:1

The LORD (V.1a)

David spoke with _____ and _____ because he knew the Lord's track record.

Survey of the Lord's track record:

- Abraham (Gen. 17, Gen. 21:6-7)
The birth of _____ proves that _____ is nothing with God!
- Joseph (Genesis 41: 41-42)
_____ went from being _____ to having _____.
- Moses (Exodus: 16: 13)
_____ went from _____ to _____.
- David (2 Samuel: 12:13)
_____ went from _____ to _____.

David speaks with *confidence* (in Him) because he knew his track record; do *you* know his track record?

Have confidence in Him as your Lord because of his track record!

Is my shepherd (V.1b)

Why did David say _____ and not _____?

David had firsthand experience with both; therefore, he could distinguish the _____ of a king from the _____ of a shepherd.

- Kings in Israel lived lavishly.
 - Saul (1Sam 16: 16-17)
David played music to sooth him.
 - Solomon (1Kings 4: 20, 22-23)
The value of his day's allotment _____.
 - David (1Kings 9, 11)
David had men at his service for good and evil.
- By contrast, a shepherd has an _____ with the sheep.
 - Intimate care of the shepherd (Psalm 23: 2-5)
 - The good shepherd cares for the sheep individually (Luke 15: 4-7).

Trust Him as your shepherd! Let Him rule!

I shall not want (V.1c)

Does God give us whatever we want?

God is not proclaiming a _____ it, and _____ it, _____ it, and _____ it prosperity; He is calling for a shift in inclination of our hearts.

- When we _____ in Him, He never leaves us _____ (Psalm 37:4).
- One thing have I desired (Psalm 27:4)
- David loved him; he wrote _____ psalms and Psalm 119 had _____ verses.

Fall in love with Him! Delight in Him!

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