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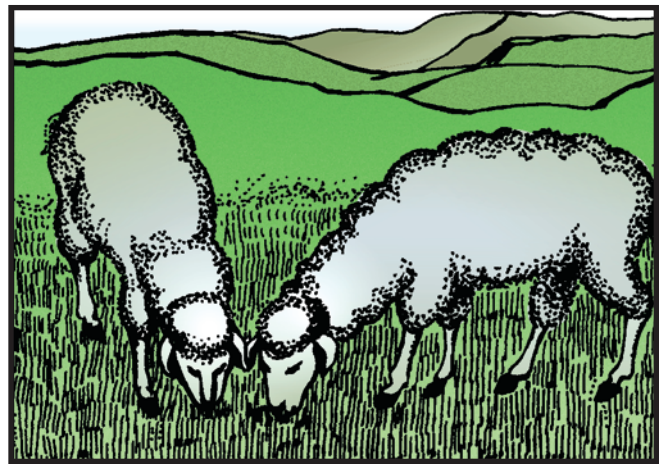
"Did you bring back the Sheep Book?" The old shepherd was speaking from his tent door to the missionary. The missionary had come to spend the night with the shepherd.

For a moment the missionary was puzzled. Then he remembered that the last time he had visited the shepherd he had read to him from the Bible. He had read the Twenty-Third Psalm to the shepherd.

The old shepherd had loved the Psalm because it spoke to him of sheep and of their shepherd. The old shepherd understood sheep. He had called the Bible the "Sheep Book."



"The Sheep Book" is a good name for the Bible because the Bible often tells you about shepherds and their sheep. This LIFEPAC® will help you understand why you need to learn about sheep and shepherds today.

OBJECTIVES

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC.

When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Find the book of Psalms in the Bible.
2. Recite the Twenty-Third Psalm from memory.
3. Tell who the shepherd of the Twenty-Third Psalm is.
4. Explain how one can be a sheep of the Good Shepherd.
5. Identify the writer of the Twenty-Third Psalm.
6. Compare the shepherd's care of the sheep with the Lord's care for us.
7. Identify God as the one who helps us and who protects us.
8. Tell how David stood alone for God.
9. Tell how God used David to carry out His plans.
10. Tell how Daniel stood alone for God.
11. Tell how God used Daniel to carry out His plans.

VOCABULARY

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

anoint (u noint´). To put oil on.

armor (är´ mur). A covering to protect the body in fighting.

Babylon (bab´ u lon). An area in ancient western Asia.

bruise (brüz). A mark left on the body from being hurt.

Darius (du rī´ us). A king of Babylon.

fold (fōld). A pen for keeping sheep.

Goliath (gō lī´ uth). Philistine man who was almost ten feet tall.

Israel (iz´ rē ul). A country. The land of God's chosen people.

pasture (pas´ chur). Grassland used for feeding animals.

Philistines (fil´ u stēnz). Enemies of the Israelite people.

Psalms (sämz). A book of the Old Testament; songs or poems of praise.

restore (ri stôr´). To bring back, to put back, to fix.

righteousness (rī´ chus nis). Free from wrong or sin.

shepherd (shep´ urd). A man who takes care of sheep.

soul (sōl). The real you.

spiritual (spir´ u chü ul). Having to do with one's relation to God.

thorn (thôrn). A sharp point on a stem or branch of a tree or a bush.

trough (trôf). A long narrow container for holding food or water.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: h**a**t, **ā**ge, c**ã**re, f**ä**r; l**e**t, **ē**qual, t**ėr**m; **i**t, **ī**ce; h**o**t, **ō**pen, **ô**rder; **oi**l; **ou**t; c**u**p, p**u̇**t, r**ü**le; **ch**ild; lo**ng**; **th**in; /*ŦH*/ for **th**en; /*zh*/ for mea**s**ure; /*u*/ represents /*a*/ in **a**bout, /*e*/ in tak**e**n, /*i*/ in penc**i**l, /*o*/ in lem**o**n, and /*u*/ in circ**u**s.

I. CHRIST OUR HELPER AND SHEPHERD (TWENTY-THIRD PSALM)

In about the middle of your Bible, you will find the book of **Psalms**. One hundred fifty (150) psalms are written in the book of Psalms. God used a man named David to write many of these psalms.

For hundreds of years, ever since they were written, these psalms have been dear to all who love the Lord. One of the best-loved psalms is the Twenty-Third Psalm. Some people have called it the "Psalm of Psalms." A Psalm is for singing, and the Twenty-Third Psalm has also been called "The sweetest song ever sung."

The Twenty-Third Psalm is about just two people, the Lord and you. David wrote this wonderful psalm that you are going to learn. Since David had been a **shepherd** boy himself, he knew many things about sheep and their shepherds.

SECTION OBJECTIVES

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

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6. Compare the shepherd's care of the sheep with the Lord's care for us.

Restudy these words.

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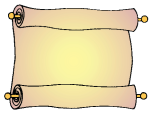
bruise	restore	spiritual
fold	righteousness	thorn
pasture	shepherd	trough



Read Psalm 23:1.

JESUS CHOOSES AND LEADS HIS SHEEP

Read the first verse of the Twenty-Third **Psalm**. The **shepherd** of the psalm is the Lord Jesus, for Jesus himself said, (John 10:11), "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

A shepherd chooses and buys his sheep. The sheep are his after he pays for them. The shepherd then gives each sheep a name and is concerned about each one. A good shepherd carefully leads his sheep and wants each of them to follow him closely.

The Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, chose us and paid for us with His life when He died for us. He knows each of our names and wants to lead us.

What do you think is the most important word in this verse? Perhaps it is *my.* The Lord Jesus is a shepherd, but it is important for you to be able to say, "The Lord is *my* shepherd. The Lord bought *me*!"

What do you need to do to become one of His sheep? You need to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He said (John 6:47), "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

All of Jesus' sheep have eternal life. Jesus said (John 10:27, 28a), "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life."

Either you belong to the Lord or you do not. Ask yourself these questions: Do I know Jesus as my Savior? Do I allow Him to own me? Do I love Him? Do I follow His leading?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, you can truly say with David, "The Lord is *my* shepherd! He is mine through the day and through the night. He is mine at home, in school, or at play!"

If you cannot truthfully say, "The Lord is *my* shepherd,"ask your teacher to help you know Jesus as your Savior.

Do you know the meaning of the words, "I shall not want?" The words mean that when you have the Lord as your shepherd, you have all that you need. You may not have all that you would like to have, but the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus, will see that you, as one of His sheep, have all you need.