



*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,*

Psalm 23:2

**“He makes me to lie down in green pastures:
He leads me beside the still waters.”**

(Psalm 23:2)

I’m continuing my look at the 23rd Psalm and how it can help us today, and so today, we come to the 2nd verse.

Here’s something you need to know: shepherds care about their sheep and are looking over them all the time. They are watching for signs of fatigue, hunger, fear, danger, sickness, and so on. When they see a need in their sheep, they lead them to a solution.

Thus this verse of the 23rd Psalm teaches us that the Shepherd:

MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES.

The question that might come to your mind is: “So what? I’m not a sheep and don’t need pastures or still water.”

Don’t you?

You see, one of the most essential things for sheep is food and water. Just happens sheep really like tender, fresh green grass – rather than hard brown

stubble. Here, we see a picture of a Good Shepherd leading His sheep to a place where the grass is green, tender and – I'm guessing – abundant. JUST the right combo for sheep.

However, and as I mentioned in yesterday's devotional on verse 1, sheep are also dumb. So here, the Good Shepherd, knowing what is best for his sheep, has to MAKE THEM lie down to rest, eat, recharge, and be comforted.

HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.

Water is essential for life and is actually more important to us than food. Here, the Shepherd is leading them to water, but more than that. You see, sheep are fuzzy critters, and if the water of the stream was NOT still when a sheep came to drink, water would splash and could soak the wool and make the sheep heavy. This could possibly make the sheep – with a now wet coat - unable to walk back up and away from the stream. The sheep could then easily fall into the stream and drown.

Our Shepherd knows our needs. This covid19 pandemic has not caught God sleeping. He knows YOU and your needs. Trust Him to meet them and to lead you to green pastures and still waters.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for being MY Shepherd and knowing me so well. You know exactly what I need. I am trusting You to be the Source for everything I need and will resist the current day tendency to become fearful about tomorrow. My trust is in Your love and provision for me and for all of the green pastures and still waters that I need. Amen.