

“Jesus-Our Shepherd”

Psalm 23

Introduction

- I. There are different designations that are given to Jesus.
- II. Some of the most comforting and encouraging designations have to do with Jesus being a shepherd.
- III. Past, present, and future, Jesus role as shepherd has been vital to the salvation of our souls.
 - A. Past-Psalm 22
 - B. Present-Psalm 23
 - C. Future-Psalm 24

Discussion

- I. In the past, Jesus was “the good shepherd” (John 10:11; cf. Psm. 22).
 - A. Jesus died for the “sheep”, that we might have “life”.
 - B. Jesus did so willingly (Rom. 5:6-11; John 10:18).
- II. In the present, Jesus is “the great shepherd” (Heb. 13:20-21; cf. Psm. 23).
 - A. Jesus cares for the “sheep” today (Heb. 2:17-18; 7:25; 1 Pet. 2:25).
 - B. By staying out of the “sheepfold”, we forfeit many blessings (cf. Eph. 1:3).
- III. In the future, Jesus will come as “the chief Shepherd” (1 Pet. 5:1-4; cf. Psm. 24).
 - A. Jesus will come back for His “sheep” (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
 - B. Great reward will be given to His “sheep” (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Conclusion

- I. “Good”, “great”, and “chief” appropriately describes the church's Shepherd.
- II. Let us make sure we are number with the “sheep” before it is too late (Matt. 25:31-46).