

**THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT:
THE LORD JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD
PSALM 23**

I. THE LORD MUST BE YOUR SHEPHERD, or you will want (1)

II. THE LORD MUST BE YOUR PROVIDER, or you will want (2-3)

- A. The Good Shepherd provides our spiritual food (2a)

- B. The Good Shepherd provides our spiritual drink (2b)

- C. The Good Shepherd provides spiritual refreshing for our souls (3a)

- D. The Good Shepherd provides spiritual guidance (3b)

III. WE MUST LIVE AND WALK IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PRESENCE or we will want (4-5)

- A. He is with us in times of great evil and trials, protecting us so we need not fear (4)

- B. He is with us in times of conflict (personal enemies), serving us (5a)

- C. He is with us in times of hurt, healing us (5b)

- D. All with the result that in Him we have everything we truly need (no want) (5b)

IV. *THE SURE RESULT:* WE CONFIDENTLY BELIEVE HIS GOODNESS AND LOVE ARE UPON US EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES and WE WILL BE WITH HIM FOREVER (6)