

Intro:

Main Point of Text: The Good Shepherd increases the contentment of His sheep with His continual, pleasing presence.

Ps. 16:11.

Sermon Point: *Your Good Shepherd Will Always Satisfy You.*

Move 1: The Spirit of Christ is always reviving and comforting you from within.

Vs. 2: the presence of Christ's Spirit revives and refreshes you with His stillness. Laying down = satisfaction. Drinking water = it is still (secure). Ps. 46:10. 1 Kg. 19:12. Vs. 3a: He *restores* your soul; "repentance" (Hebrew) which restores the relationship. Ps. 51:11-12. Vs. 5b: oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit – on your head. Jn. 4:14; 7:38; 14:16-18.

Move 2: Christ Who is the Life and your life is always improving your life.

Vs. 6: this life w/ next life = great living. *Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.* (Jn. 15:14-15) Jn. 8:12; 10:10. Isa. 40:10-11)

Move 3: Christ's constant presence is always increasing your joyful contentment.

Vs. 5c: my Cup runneth over, lit., "saturated". Think of "drenched". More than enough, never runs out, thus contentment. Vs. 1b: not want. P. Keller: "... a second emphasis is the idea of being utterly contented in the Good Shepherd's care and consequently not craving or desiring anything more." MacMillan agrees: it means, "I will not be discontented with my lot." Climax of all his life thus expressed in vs. 6. Ps. 100:5. Hebrew title of Ps. 23, "a melody of David". Gen. 15:1. Vs. 1a. "My shepherd": personal, fulfilling relationship: Ps. 17:15; Ps. 22:26; Ps. 42:5, 11; Ps. 73:24-26; *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.* (Matt. 5:6) Vs. 4b: "you are with me." MacMillan: changes from talking about to talking to Shepherd.

Conclusion:

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