

God as Shepherd and King

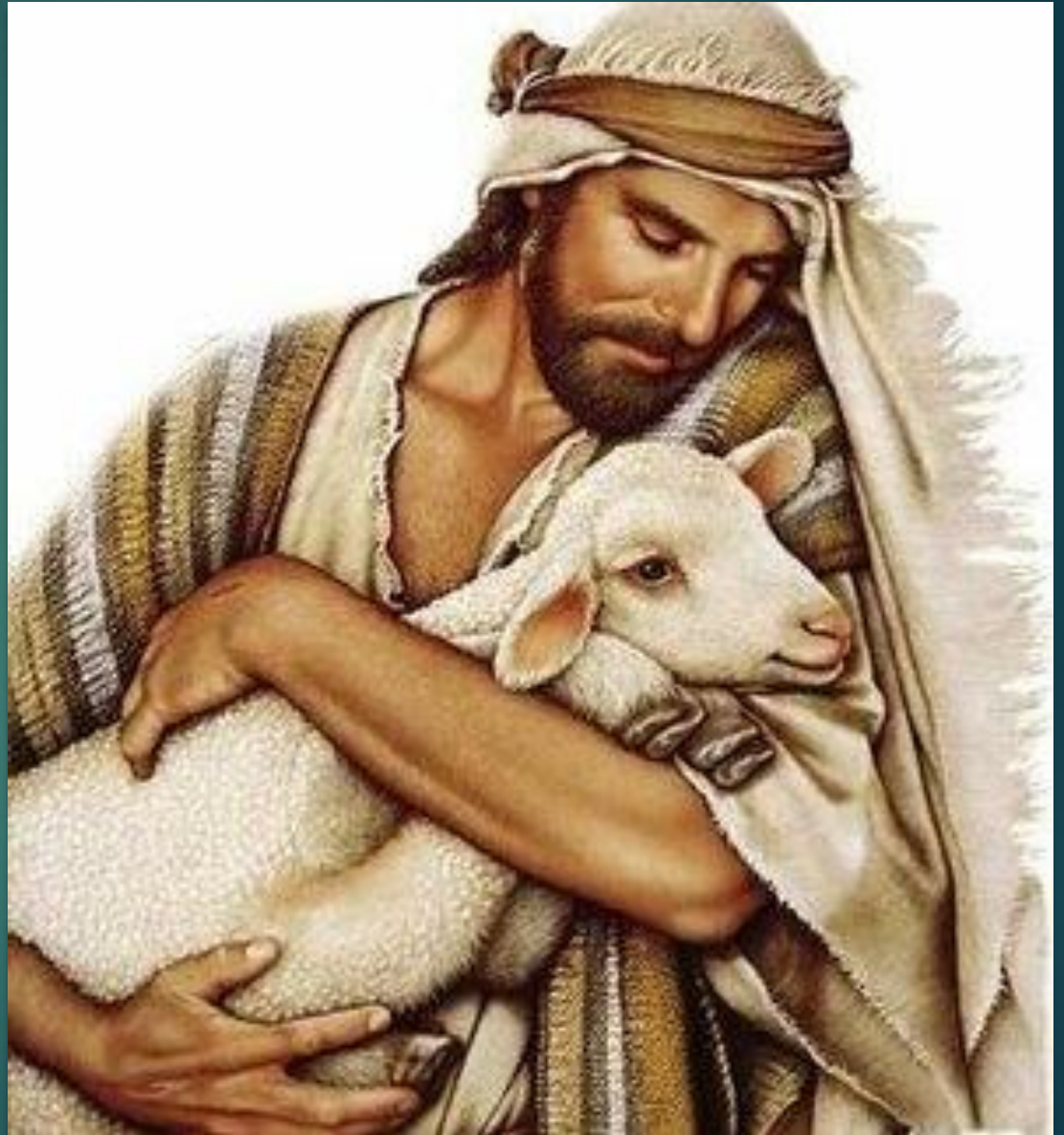
Psalms 23, 24, 47

Psalm 23



Psalm 23

The Lord
Jesus is
our good
Shepherd



Psalm 23

- The Lord Jesus gave His life for us (23:1; John 10:11).
- We belong to Him (23:2; 1 Cor. 6:18-20).
- He gives the peace of God to His own (23:3; Phil. 4:6-7).
- He remains close to us during the worst of circumstances (23:4; Heb. 13:6).

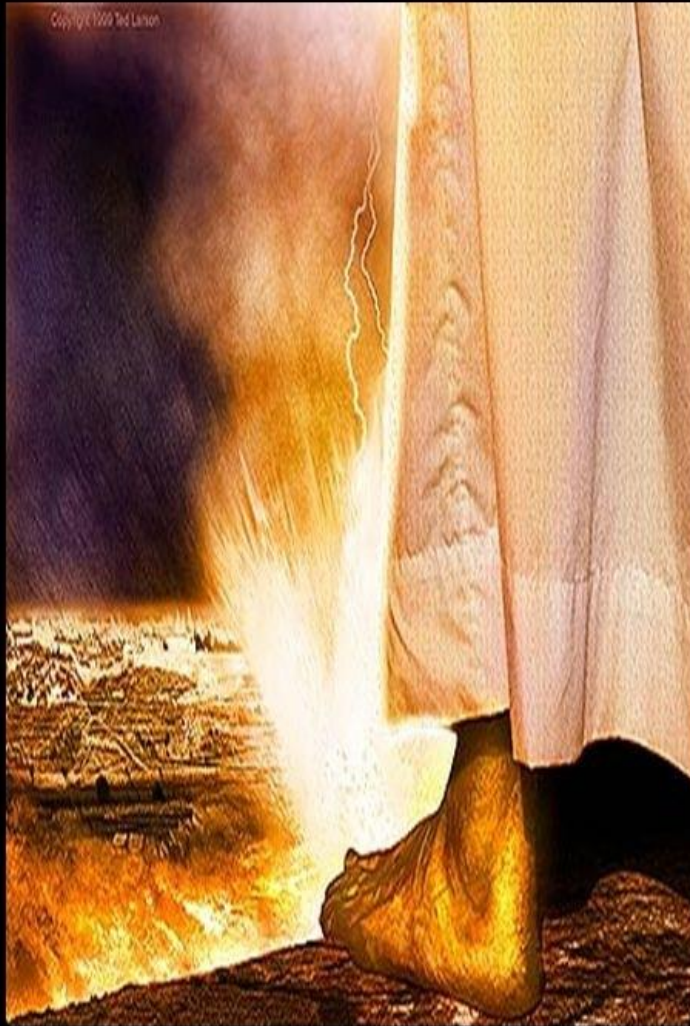
Psalm 23

- The Lord causes us to overflow with His blessings (23:5; Phil. 4:14).
- The Lord's goodness and lovingkindness follow us (23:6a; James 1:17).
- We have eternal life (23:6b; John 10:28).

Christ's Return—Literal View

- Several scriptures seem to support a literal view:
 - Acts 1:9-11—He ascended in His physical, resurrected body. His return is to be in “just the same way.”
 - Matthew 6:9-10—Jesus prayed, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth.”

Christ's Return—Literal View



Zechariah 14:4

In that day His
feet will stand
on the Mount
of Olives ...

Christ's Return—Literal View

- Several scriptures seem to support a literal view:
 - Zechariah 14:1-5, 9—If He has feet, He must have a body, and the Mount of Olives is on earth (as in Acts 1:12—not only the same way but also at the same place!).
 - Rev. 20:4—Christ is prophesied to reign for a thousand years. This is too specific not to be literal.

Literal View—Other Considerations

- All the prophecies of Christ's first coming were literally fulfilled. Why would the prophecies of His return not also be literally fulfilled?
- If Christ does not return to set up His kingdom here on earth, then God will have broken His promises to Israel.

Psalm 24

- Requirements to be a true worshipper of God
 - Clean hands—righteous or God-approved actions
 - Pure heart—sincere motives and mind free of garbage
 - Never lying
 - Not perverting justice with false testimony

Psalm 47

- No fewer than 13 different words are translated “glory” in the KJV.
- The word used here is *kavod* (כְּבוֹד)—derived from the verb *kavad* meaning *to be heavy or weighty*.
- 45 times this word refers to a visible manifestation of God (e.g. Ex. 33:18, 40:34; Is. 35:2).

Takeaways from Psalms 23, 24, and 47

1. Make certain that you are one of the Lord's sheep (Jn. 10:26-27).
2. As believers, are we allowing the peace of God to guard our hearts and minds? (Ps. 23:2,4).

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3. The Lord Jesus is “the King of Glory” who will physically and literally return to earth (Ps. 24:7-10, Zech. 14:4).
4. No matter how bad the world gets, be encouraged that when the Lord returns to rule the earth, He will set all things right (Ps. 47:2,8; Rev. 11:15,17).

