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“Shepherd” (2)

“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:25)

Great Gain

Psalm 23:1 – “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1 – “The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.” (NLT)

Psalm 73:25-26 – (25) “Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. (26) My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Silly Sheep

Isaiah 53:6 – “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

2 Corinthians 11:3 – “But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

Contentment & Competition

Psalm 17:13-15 – (13) “Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, (14) from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. (15) As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.”

1 Timothy 6:6-10 – (6) “But godliness with contentment is great gain, (7) for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. (8) But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. (9) But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. (10) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”

Simplicity & Singleness

Matthew 6:19-23 – (19) “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, (20) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (22) The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy (*to plait, narrow/single*), your whole body will be full of light, (23) but if your eye is bad (*toiling, starving*), your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”

Psalm 37:3-4 – (3) “Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and feed on His faithfulness (*enjoy safe pasture - NIV*). (4) Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (NKJV)

**“...Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts...’
(Malachi 3:7)**

**“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who
takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8)**

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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