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## **“Shepherd” (6)**

“I will not leave you comfortless...” (John 14:18 KJV)

### **God’s Outstretched Arm**

**Psalm 23:4** – “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

**Exodus 6:6** – “Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.’”

**Isaiah 63:5** – “I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me.”

**Isaiah 53:1** – “Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm?” (NLT)

**John 1:1, 14** – (1) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**Revelation 19:15** – “From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.”

### **Comforts of the Rod**

#### **The Word**

**John 6:63, 68** – (63) “...The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (68) Simon Peter answered (*Jesus*), ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’”

**2 Peter 1:4** – “...he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

### **The Washing**

**Ephesians 5:26** – “that (*Jesus*) might sanctify her (*the church*), having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,”

**Hebrews 4:12-13** – (12) “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (13) And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

### **The Way**

**Psalms 139:23-24** – (23) “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! (24) And see if there be any grievous way in me, **and lead me in the way everlasting!**”

**John 14:5-6** – (5) “Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ (6) Jesus said to him, ‘**I am the way**, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

### **The Watching**

**Ezekiel 20:37** – “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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