

Flock Fact

Are you "marked?" Whenever a shepherd adds another sheep to the flock, the shepherd puts his own unique, lifelong, mark on that animal. In the same way, the Holy Spirit irrevocably "**marks**" each of the Lord's sheep with His eternal indwelling presence.

2 Cor. 1:21-22

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Eph. 1:13- 14

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation -having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph. 4:30

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

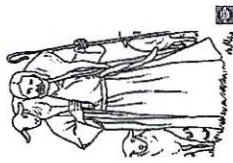
[**Answers:** totally dependent, everything, GOD/DEITY, YAHWEH, to be, self, is, beginning, end, imperfections, deficiencies, is, Almighty God, My, His, personal, good, shepherds, infinite, present, future, want, need, desire, ALL-SUFFICIENT]

Exploring Psalm 23

Lesson #1

Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.



The LORD is my shepherd...

Why does our Lord want to be thought of as a Shepherd?

Because we are His sheep...and sheep are _____
_____ on their shepherd for everything.

This is implied by His great Name in the text. Where/What is it?

Your Shepherd is _____ / _____.

The first word... "LORD"... is actually the not the translation of the Hebrew word that David used.

The Hebrew word is the proper noun _____. It is the

personal name by which God revealed Himself to Moses in

Exodus 3:14 saying, "**I am Who I am.**" It comes from the Hebrew verb ***haya***, which means "_____."

Yahweh God is therefore _____-existent...He just _____with no _____and no _____...dependent on nothing and no one else... with no _____or _____whatsoever.

This is exactly what He says of Himself in Hebrews 1:6:
And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He _____.

Therefore..._____ is your Great Shepherd! It doesn't get any greater than that!

Whose Shepherd is He?

_____ Shepherd.

Why do you think this is important?

Isaiah 43:1

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

He is my Shepherd...but, more importantly, I am _____ sheep!

Therefore, our Shepherd is a _____ Shepherd

Based on the following passages, what kind of a Shepherd is He?

John 10:11-15

Hebrews 13:20-21

Therefore, our Shepherd is a very _____ Shepherd.
Why do we need a Shepherd?

Because no sheep shepherds itself...but sometimes we deceive ourselves into thinking that we do.

Don't forget:

James 1:16-17

Also...

Philippians 4:19

Isaiah 53:6 & 1 Peter 2:25

Luke 15:3-7

Matt. 10:16

And, again John 10:11-15 + v.16

Therefore, our need for Him is _____!

As our Shepherd, what is His primary commitment to us? (v.1b)
I shall not want. Literally... "I shall not want...nor do I lack anything."

This is true, both in the _____ and in the _____.

We must be careful: A _____ = a _____...not just a _____.

Therefore, He is our _____ - _____ Shepherd!