

**THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT:
THE LORD JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD, THUS I LACK NOTHING
PSALM 23**

I. THE LORD MUST BE YOUR SHEPHERD, or you will want (1)

II. THE LORD MUST BE YOUR PROVIDER, or you will want (2-3)

A. The Good Shepherd provides our spiritual food (2a)

B. The Good Shepherd provides our spiritual drink (2b)

C. The Good Shepherd provides spiritual refreshing for our souls (3a)

D. The Good Shepherd provides spiritual guidance (3b)

III. WE MUST LIVE AND WALK IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF HIS PRESENCE, or we want (4-5)

A. He is with us in times of great evil and trials, protecting us so we need not fear (4)

B. He is with us in times of conflict (personal enemies), serving us (5a)

C. He is with us in times of hurt, healing us (5b)

D. All with the result that in Him we have everything we truly need (no want) (5b)

IV. THE SURE RESULT: WE CONFIDENTLY BELIEVE HIS GOODNESS AND LOVE ARE UPON US EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES and WILL BE WITH HIM FOREVER (6)