

<sup>1</sup>THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT. <sup>2</sup>HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES. HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS. <sup>3</sup>HE RESTORES MY SOUL. HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES; YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS. <sup>6</sup>SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.  
—PSALM 23

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TRIOLOGY OF TRUTH = PSALM 22, 23, 24

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<sup>1</sup>MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?...  
<sup>2</sup>ALL WHO SEE ME MOCK ME;  
THEY MAKE MOUTHS AT ME;  
THEY WAG THEIR HEADS...  
<sup>3</sup>I CAN COUNT ALL MY BONES—  
THEY STARE AND GLOAT OVER ME;  
<sup>4</sup>THEY DIVIDE MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM,  
AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.  
—PSALM 22:1a, 7, 17-18

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<sup>1</sup>THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF,  
THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL THEREIN...  
<sup>2</sup>WHO SHALL ASCEND THE HILL OF THE LORD?  
AND WHO SHALL STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE?...  
<sup>3</sup>LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES!  
AND LIFT THEM UP, O ANCIENT DOORS,  
THAT THE KING OF GLORY MAY COME IN.  
<sup>4</sup>WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS,  
HE IS THE KING OF GLORY! SELAH  
—PSALM 24:1, 3, 9-10

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<sup>4</sup>FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN;  
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER,  
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.  
<sup>7</sup>OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF PEACE  
THERE WILL BE NO END, ON THE THRONE OF DAVID  
AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, TO ESTABLISH IT AND  
TO UPHOLD IT WITH JUSTICE AND WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOREVERMORE.  
THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL DO THIS.  
—ISAIAH 9:6-7

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I. THE GOOD SHEPHERD RULES  
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES

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<sup>14</sup>BUT DAVID SAID TO SAUL, "YOUR SERVANT USED TO KEEP SHEEP FOR HIS FATHER. AND WHEN THERE CAME A LION, OR A BEAR, AND TOOK A LAMB FROM THE FLOCK,

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<sup>35</sup>I WENT AFTER HIM AND STRUCK HIM AND DELIVERED IT OUT OF HIS MOUTH."  
—I SAMUEL 17:34-35a

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"HE KNOWS HOW TO SET A TABLE FOR YOU IN THE WILDERNESS IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR ENEMIES. HE KNOWS HOW TO PROTECT YOU. OFFENDED PRIDE, ONCE IT TAKES HOLD WITHIN US, IS LIKE A LION PROWLING IN THE HEART. BITTERNESS IS AS NASTY AS AN ANGRY BEAR. THEY CAN SHRED YOUR SOUL. LET THE GOOD SHEPHERD HANDLE THEM FOR YOU. ON YOUR KNEES, TURN THINGS OVER TO HIM AND LEAVE ROOM FOR HIS JUDGEMENTS TO SETTLE THE SCORE EVEN MORE THAN THE OUTCOME."  
—ROBERT MORGAN

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<sup>25</sup>FOR HE MUST REIGN UNTIL HE HAS PUT ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. <sup>26</sup>THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED IS DEATH. —I CORINTHIANS 15:25-26

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<sup>4</sup>DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.

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<sup>7</sup>AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS. —PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

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2. THE GOOD SHEPHERD RULES WITH A PROMISE OF SUFFICIENCY

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<sup>7</sup>REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH OR MY TRANSGRESSIONS; ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE REMEMBER ME, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOODNESS, O LORD!... <sup>10</sup>OH, HOW ABUNDANT IS YOUR GOODNESS, WHICH YOU HAVE STORED UP FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU AND WORKED FOR THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN YOU, IN THE SIGHT OF THE CHILDREN OF MANKIND!... <sup>10</sup>OH, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD! BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TAKES REFUGE IN HIM!... <sup>11</sup>FOR THE LORD GOD IS A SUN AND SHIELD; THE LORD BESTOWS FAVOR AND HONOR. NO GOOD THING DOES HE WITHHOLD FROM THOSE WHO WALK UPRIGHTLY... <sup>12</sup>FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER, AND HIS FAITHFULNESS TO ALL GENERATIONS.  
—PSALM 25:7; 31:19; 34:8; 84:11; 100:5

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"GOODNESS REPRESENTS ALL HE BESTOWS ON US THAT WE DON'T DESERVE. MERCY REPRESENTS ALL HE WITHHOLDS THAT WE DO DESERVE." —ROBERT MORGAN

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<sup>21</sup>BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, AND THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE:  
<sup>22</sup>THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME TO AN END;

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<sup>23</sup>THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS. <sup>24</sup>"THE LORD IS MY PORTION," SAYS MY SOUL, "THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM."

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<sup>25</sup>THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM, TO THE SOUL WHO SEEKS HIM.  
—LAMENTATIONS 3:21-25

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### 3. THE GOOD SHEPHERD RULES TO ENSURE OUR DESTINY

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<sup>1</sup>LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. <sup>2</sup>IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS. IF IT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? <sup>3</sup>AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM YOU MAY BE ALSO. <sup>4</sup>AND YOU KNOW THE WAY TO WHERE I AM GOING." <sup>5</sup>THOMAS SAID TO HIM, "LORD, WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING. HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?" <sup>6</sup>JESUS SAID TO HIM, "I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME." —JOHN 14:1-6

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<sup>27</sup>MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME. <sup>28</sup>I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY WILL NEVER PERISH, AND NO ONE WILL SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND.

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<sup>29</sup>MY FATHER, WHO HAS GIVEN THEM TO ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL, AND NO ONE IS ABLE TO SNATCH THEM OUT OF THE FATHER'S HAND. —JOHN 10:27-29

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