

††† SERMON NOTES †††

“I NEED RESTORED!”

Ps. 23:3a - He restores my soul

1. WE NEED RESTORED WHEN WE GET "CAST _____"

Ps. 42:5 - why are you cast down, o my soul.....(NIV says "downcast" - same term)

This is the term shepherds use for when a sheep has turned over on its back and can't get itself upright. There are three ways a sheep can get "cast":

1) looking for a soft spot to _____ I Cor. 10:12 - let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall....

2) too much _____ The High Priest wasn't allowed to wear wool when he went into the Holy of Holies. Wool symbolized contamination. What contaminates us?

3) too _____

2. WE NEED RESTORED WHEN WE WANDER AWAY

Isa. 53:6 - all we like sheep have gone astray.

Heb. 12:5 - ...the Lord disciplines those He loves....

(Illus. David and Bathsheba - Ps. 51)

V. 8 – Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. V. 17 - a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

3. WE NEED RESTORED WHEN WE ARE _____ AND WORN DOWN

The word "restores" also means that He imparts new _____.

One last point: Luke 15:4 - "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the 99 in the open country and go after the lost sheep til he finds it?"

4. WE NEED TO BE A PLACE OF RESTORATION

A "safe place to seek"

