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**The Good Shepherd Over The Mystery of Darkness
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I. Jesus lived a life of f _____. Mark 10:45

- A. The Bible reveals, "God is light, and in Him is no d _____ at all." **1 John 1:5**
- B. God promises twice, that there shall be "no n _____ there." **Revelation 21:25; 22:5**
- C. Why, then, is there d _____, and where did it come f _____?
- D. "I am the L _____, and there is none else. I form the l _____, and create d _____."
Isaiah 45:6-7
- E. L _____ was always in and with God, but the d _____ had to be c _____! And, it has a p _____, s _____ as a contrast to the l _____.
- F. Men and women were created to l _____ and have f _____ with their Creator, not as robots but in f _____.
- G. But our Creator has become our R _____. He "hath called you out of darkness into His m _____ light" -- paying the great price for our r _____ on the c _____. **1 Peter 2:9**
- H. We should "have no f _____ with the u _____ works of darkness, but rather r _____ them." **Ephesians 5:11**

II. The Personal Psalm - Psalm 23

- A. Have you ever noticed how many times David used "____," "____," and "____" in this great psalm?
- B. The 23rd Psalm is perhaps the b _____-l _____ chapter in the Bible, with its b _____ picture of Christ as the S _____.

"Where lives are changed, hurts are healed, hope is restored, and Jesus is Lord!"

C. This chapter finds its New Testament exposition in John 10:1-30, where Christ identifies Himself as “the Good shepherd” who “giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11).

D. These two chapters (Psalm 23; John 10) are probably the two g_____ chapters in the Bible on the s_____ of the b_____ in C_____.

“The LORD is **my** (1) s_____ ; **I** (2) shall not want. He m_____ **me** (3) to lie down in green pastures: He l_____ **me** (4) beside the still waters. He r_____ **my** (5) soul: He l_____ **me** (6) in the paths of r_____ for His name’s sake. Yea, though **I** (7) w_____ through the v_____ of the shadow of d_____, **I** (8) will f_____ no evil: for thou art with **me** (9); thy rod and thy staff they c_____ **me** (10). Thou p_____ a t_____ before **me** (11) in the p_____ of mine (12) enemies: thou a_____ **my** (13) h_____ with oil; **my** (14) cup r_____ over. Surely g_____ and m_____ shall follow **me** (15) all the days of **my** (16) l_____ ; and **I** (17) will d_____ in the h_____ of the LORD for ever.” - Psalm 23 KJV