

# The Lord My Shepherd: Part 6

## Anointing and Overflowing

Ps 23:5b

# Intro:

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;** You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



# I. An Anointed Head

- Going thru the yearly cycle of sheep
  - Homesteads, Valleys, Plateaus of summer – Fly time!
  - Nasal flies - nasty things! Infected sheep beat & thrash
  - Sheep will run, hide, stamp to elude... no feeding!
  - Linseed oil, sulphur, tar – on nose/head to repel...
- What about the “irritations” in our life?
  - Small, petty annoyances that ruin our peace
  - Our Shepherd has the OIL we need... reapplication!!!
  - The HS, the great comforter in our times of “bugs”
  - It is HIM we need... to calm, give joy and help us...

## II. An Anointed Need

- Besides repellent, oil is also for HEALING!
  - “scabs” – parasites that multiply, infect; WOUNDS!
  - Head rubbing between sheep – affection OR CONFLICT
  - When rams butt... oil/grease to soften the blows...
  - Antidote of olive oil, sulphur and other minerals/spices
  - Dips for the whole body, but the head was the hardest!
  - Great expense, time, labor – but for the sheep!
- Where/ What have we been “rubbing”?
  - Have our affections become infections??? Worldly sick!
  - Getting our “heads together”??? Mind of Christ?? HS!

## III. An Overflowing Cup

- When God has anointed and covered us...
  - We enter a state of peace, joy and grace
  - We learn to rely and follow the shepherd's guidance
  - We realize how petty and silly our jealousies are
- He is:
  - Never lax or indifferent to our needs and cares
  - Led to places of care, growth and well-being
  - Ready to drink the cup of suffering, so we may rest!
  - We need HIS ANOINTING SPIRIT more than ever!!!

