

Sunday Evening, June 19 - Brett Levi
“MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED”

For a moment, let's say that the word *shepherd* is a verb. To shepherd is to guide. We most probably think of shepherding our children, but it's safe to say that we all shepherd something either at work, in our families, or serving at church. How is this shepherding accomplished, and is it easy or not? Think of a way that shepherding is difficult. Perhaps what comes to mind is when the one being guided doesn't want to be guided. Ah, there is the issue, isn't it! Or the one being guided feels that he/she knows better than the shepherd. It seems that as David penned the psalms, he was extremely mindful of his own needs and failures. Particularly in Psalm 23, he is careful to credit God for hemming him in at every turn. The Good Shepherd really wants His sheep to accept His loving guidance even to the point of understanding that God is truly all we need. In Mack Wilberg's anthem, "*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*", the words are:

There would I find a settled rest
While others go and come.
No more a stranger nor a guest
But like a child at home.

Consider Psalm 23 with fresh eyes and then turn to Lamentations 3:22-24. Can you list a few ways that these two passages complement each other?