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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

August 30, 2020

“GOD, THE GREAT SHEPHERD!!!!!!”

Psalm 23:1-2 - The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters.

History has taught us that the 23rd number of Psalm has played a major role in our lives as African Americans. When you research our history, you will discover that the 23rd number of Psalm has contributed to our success as ebony hue. History has taught us that this psalm **is** the one that brought us through as black folks. History has taught us that our parents and grandparents compelled us, forced us to learn the 23rd number of Psalm. **My Christian brothers and sisters**, out of 66 books in the Bible, we had to memorize the 23rd number of Psalm; and the reason why we had to memorize the 23rd number of Psalm is because this psalm deals with one's thinking. This psalm shows us how to function in a dysfunctional situation.

Here in our text this morning we are able to uncover three points that will reveal to us that **GOD IS THE GREAT SHEPHERD**.

1: PERSPECTIVE (Outlook, View, Vision). **My Christian brothers and sisters**, it is vital for us to understand this morning that our perspective is limited; God's perspective is unlimited. Our perspective tends to be unclear (distorted); God's perspective is always clear. Our perspective is temporal; God's perspective is eternal. When we see things from God's perspective, we can have a peace of mind. **GOD, THE GREAT SHEPHERD!!!**

Grab, Drop & Go Message – “Grab a Sermon, Drop Offering and Go Home” & Parking Lot Worship in Cars - Coronavirus Pandemic 2019-2020

2: PROVIDES (Compassion, Caring, Commitment). The biblical shepherd knew everything about his sheep. The biblical shepherd understood what foods were best for them and what would harm them. The biblical shepherd knew when they should eat and when they needed their thirst quenched. The biblical shepherd was an expert of the wilderness; and the biblical shepherd was aware of the best places for food and water for his sheep. **GOD, THE GREAT SHEPHERD!**

3: PROTECTION (Defense, Safety, Security). As I exit from the text, it is imperative for us to understand this morning: **God's protection is unlimited. God's protection is certain. God's protection is for eternity.** **My Christian brothers and sisters,** as long as the sheep trusted and followed their shepherd, they would always have their needs met at the right time. Their shepherd would give them the best that he had.

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I LOVE BEING YOUR PASTOR

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020



Pastor's Appreciation Service

Johns Chapel Parking Lot – Sep 12 – 5:00 pm

--August is Clergy and Clergy Family Wellness Month. Let us remind Pastor & Mrs. White and family of how much we love and appreciate them. Let us also encourage them to maintain a healthy balance in their lives and spend time relaxing and enjoying downtime.

--Please remember all the children, parents, teachers, staff, support staff, and others in prayer as schools reopen during the ongoing **Coronavirus Pandemic**. Please stay abreast of the latest directives.

www.cdc.gov <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> www.aarp.org

REMEMBER TO WEAR FACE MASKS IN PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES – CHILDREN TOO!

MANDATE OF STATE OF ALABAMA – EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 2, 2020

--Pastor White presents: **“SERMON DASH”**. You may receive a hard copy and/or a CD/DVD of sermons via text, phone call, e-mail or word of mouth, etc., and we will get the sermon to you.

--Special thanks to all who joined in to the Johns Chapel Zoom training on last Monday. Special thanks to Brother Franklin Simmons and Sister LauReen McDaniel.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for info

--EACH SUNDAY – Worship service in cars at **9:00 a.m.** Grab & Go – **10:45-11:45**; Full Church School Lesson **12:00 NOON** via conference call. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936.

--EACH WEDNESDAY – JC Bible Study via conference call - 7:00 p.m. Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936. Thanks to all who joined. **This was our first session with Zoom format available.**

--The SE Conference Lay Organization presented its first virtual quarterly meeting on yesterday. Reverend Perry Macon of the Census Bureau presented enlightening training regarding the vital importance of completing the Census; and an inspiring and motivational presentation was presented by Sister Allie Bell Reddick, assisted by her husband, Presiding Elder (Retired) David E. Reddick.

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- Pastor White is asking Class Leaders to please check on all class members to see how they are doing and also inquire if they have completed the Census. If not, please emphasize the importance, and let them know help is available.

Volunteers: LauReen McDaniel 334-470-1816; Franklin Simmons 334-494-2377; & Marge Simmons 334-477-1962. **27 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING!** If you have completed the Census and your name is not listed above, or if you have not completed the census, please do so today and let Sister Marge know.

Check out the website www.census2020.gov and encourage others to respond.

To get our fair share of funding, we all must stand up and be counted.

-- **Councilwoman Sonya Wheeler Rich was reelected to serve District 1, where Johns Chapel is located. Mayor William E. Cooper and Mr. Bill Baker will be on the ballot for runoff election on October 6. Let us be sure to vote in the runoff election. ALL elections are critical.**

PRAYER LIST Week of August 30 – September 5, 2020

-- Sister Annie Pearl Allen (wife of Brother Roland)
--Sister Eleanor Bailey
--Sister Thelma Bailey–100-year-old member doing well at home in Tennessee
-- Sister Jennifer Bigham
-- Sister Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Sister Brenda Crawford
--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones
--Ms Fay, lives in another state – A believer asked us to pray for her sister to have a closer walk with God
--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
--Sister Ruby Grayer
--Sister Dorothy Holmes
--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden
--**Sister Vivian Johnson – SE Health, Dothan**
--Sister Mable Mays
--Sister Gay Nell Miley



--Sister Ann McGaughey
--Sister Betty, family member of Marge Simmons
--Sister Jackie Scott – recovering after illness
--**Sister Betty Simmons – SE Health, Dothan**
--Sister Patricia White – Bereavement – Passing of her Mother, Sister Minnie Powell
--Pastor Willie White, Jr. –Bereavement
--Brittany Bradley, Chynna Clark & Jeremiah Bradley – Bereavement
--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White
--Sister Johnnie Sanders
--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson
--Sister Eloise Williams
--The United States of America & the World
***New entries in bold print**
Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug 30 Ajee Warren
Sep 1 Namari Hazzard

Sep 5 Vernetta DeRamus

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sep 4, 2010 Sarita & Olu Rhodes-Vivour