

"SEEING JESUS...IN THE OLD TESTAMENT"

PART XI: "Seeing Jesus In Jehovah-Rohi"

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OPENING TEXT: Psalm 23

- I. Psalm 23 is a beautiful – and famous – chapter which comes “by inspiration of God” of course – but ALSO out of a heart full from reminiscing about the presence of God in THROUGHOUT David’s life!
- II. Now as “KING” David, he would frequently think back upon his “WALK” with the LORD and was reminded time and time again of at least 2 aspects of that relationship:
 1. God was always there when he needed Him the most, and;
 2. God was always sufficient for his every need! (cf II COR. 12:9)
- III. EXAMPLE #1. AS A boy, when he was feeding his father’s flock, “there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock”. Compelled by a shepherd’s heart – AS WELL AS BY HIS FAITH in the LORD – little David was enabled to kill them both!
- IV. EXAMPLE #2. AS A YOUNG MAN, -while being viewed by King Saul as a “stripling”, he approached GOLIATH with a sling and FIVE stones ...BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, with an amazing FAITH ! In that moment, David saw God MORE than he saw GOLIATH ! (see his history- changing words in I SAMUEL 17:45-47)
- V. EXAMPLE #3. Still later, with King Saul’s army of 3,000 men chasing him all over the Middle East, that same God was STILL with David and always delivered him! Even when things were at their worst, and the Amalekites had burned down Ziklag and had taken all of the people captive (including many in David’s own family), and even as David “ENCOURAGED himself in the LORD” (I Samuel 30:4,6), the LORD’S presence and GRACE ^{was with} David and his army and even allowed him to eventually overtake the

Amalekites and to recover everything AND to gain much spoil!

- VI. So it was that just like those Middle Eastern shepherds who virtually lived with their sheep day and night, - and who knew each sheep by name and characteristic, God Himself proved to be the Good Shepherd Who knows His "sheep" better than we know ourselves.
- VII. Therefore, it was with deep feeling and rich experience that David exclaimed in Psalm 23:1, "The LORD is my shepherd ..." This is the name, "Yehovah - Rohi", in the Hebrew.
- VIII. To David, this name meant the following things:
1. God knows and sees my every act;
 2. God knows my every need, ailment, thought, feeling - and even every lack of feeling!
 3. God would never fail to provide for him proper care.
- IX. By personal experience, David knew very well the role of a shepherd - and so he was more than equipped to perceive this never-before-revealed-name for God: "Yehovah - Rohi" - THE DIVINE SHEPHERD!
- X. David had learned that the LORD was all- sufficient for all things in this life ...and forever !!!
(see Isaiah 40:10,11)
- XI. In the New Testament, Jesus unflinchingly assumed this great Old Testament name for God upon Himself - for, indeed, He IS AND WAS - and forever shall be - The "Good Shepherd" (see John 11-14; I Peter 2:25; Hebrews 13:20, 21 - note also the OT connection of the John 10 "I AM" statement to Isaiah 40:11)
- XII. LOOSE ENDS:
1. The name "Rohi" has as it's root a word that means "to feed or to lead to pasture"
 2. It is a word that also describes:
 - a. The relationship between a prince and his people (II Sam 5:2)
 - b. The view of God concerning King Cyrus of Persia (Isaiah 44:28) (y 45:5)

c. The relationship between a PASTOR and his people
(Jeremiah 3:15)

3. God's Shepherd mindset can be clearly seen in the account of Bathsheba (II Samuel 12^(v.3))
4. But it is in this name Jehovah - Rohi that this word "rohi" finds it's highest Expression - for God is indeed the Shepherd of His people!
5. Psalm 23 gives fresh meaning to the phrase, "PERSONAL relationship with Jesus Christ".
6. Thank God, this special relationship will last throughout all ETERNITY! (Revelation 7: 15-17)

NOTE all of
the many
personal
promises.

AND SO SHALL WE DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF JEHOVAH FOREVER

ADDITIONAL NOTES: