

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### "Shepherd vs. No Shepherd"

By Darel Boston

Please read again the beloved Psalm 23, and the tragic lines that follow. Readers of this page are probably lambs of the Shepherd. May we never lose our urgency to reach out to those who so need that Shepherd!

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

"I have no shepherd; I lack everything; I get no rest. My life is barren, turbulent and exhausted in despair. I walk life's path in service to myself, doing whatever it takes to benefit me. I'm constantly afraid, especially of death, feeling that, if there is a god, I am not under his protection. I am starved for personal meaning, hassled by enemies on every side, unattended and unwanted by everybody. Surely evil & rejection will follow me all the days of my life; and, if there is a god, I'll be cast out from him forever."

**Weekly Scripture Reading**

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Genesis 42:1-38

Genesis 43:1-34

Genesis 44:1-34

Genesis 45:1-28

Genesis 46:1-27

Genesis 46:28-47:12

Genesis 47:13-31

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Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

### Fruit of the Vine

Tomato plants need support so they won't break away from the vine before they have ripened. If we are to flourish and prosper, we need support, too. In John 15:5, our Lord tells us..."I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." How do we remain close to God? Look to Him in worship each week at His house; know that He is always near to support and protect us.



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