

The Gentle Shepherd Provides for His Sheep
Psalm 23:2

The Good Shepherd makes sure that His _____ are
_____ for.

Jesus provides _____ from _____ and its
consequences.

Psalm 23:1–2; Matthew 11:28–29

When the Good Shepherd provides green pastures, He
_____ that His sheep will _____ there.

Psalm 23:2; 116:6–7

Too many Christians emphasize _____ over
_____: we don't meet on the Lord's Day primarily
to work but to rest.

Jeremiah 6:16; Titus 3:5

The Gentle Shepherd has provided a _____ and a
_____ to rest.

Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 37:7

The _____ of the _____ should provide
green pastures for the sheep to rest in.

Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:12

The Church and the Word should provide a refreshing break
from the _____ and _____ of this life.

Preaching should be a refreshing stream not a _____
riverbed or a _____.

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_____ as _____ - _____ have a high
calling to provide nourishment and refreshment for
God's flock.

Psalm 23:2; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2–3

Quotes:

All God's people have been given rest from the guilt of sin and the fear of condemnation through the redeeming work of Christ. They are God's people by virtue of that. But they still need rest from hunger, from annoying parasites and from conflict. We find these as we look to the green pastures in the Word of God.

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[Green pastures] soundly rebukes all those 'preachers' who lead their people away from the green grass the Lord has provided in his Word to the brown, withered grass of human wisdom.

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When by faith we are enabled to find rest in the promises, we are like the sheep that lie down in the pasture; we find at the same moment both rest and refreshment. It is the Lord who graciously enables us to perceive the preciousness of his truth, and to feed upon it. How grateful ought we to be for the power to appropriate the promises!

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