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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Second of a Series of Double Sermons,

Scripture Psalms 23, John x - 1 to 30.

This morning we saw how proper that David should have written the Twenty-third Psalm. We notice him under the stars at night where he was taking care of his sheep, thinking over the events of the day and as he remembered how he had led the sheep into the fine green pastures and found the places where the water was sweet for them to drink; how he had killed the lion and the bear that had tried to harm them; how he had hunted out the sheep that had wandered from the flock and brought them back, the thought must have occurred to him that the Lord was a shepherd to him - or perhaps it was later in his life when he was a young man fighting against Goliath, the Philistine champion and pitting his puny strength against the forces of that great giant that he felt the realization of God's shepherding him. We see him hunted by Saul, fleeing for his life, in constant danger of capture; how truly he must have realized at that time that the Lord was his shepherd. We see him after the death of Saul, knowing he was the rightful heir to the kingdom, yet taking no part in securing his rights because he knew that God had anointed him and God would bring it to pass. We see him fleeing from his son, Absalom, and realizing once more God's protecting hand. We see him after his great sin when he had turned away from the path of God and disobeyed, looking at that prophet of God, Nathan, who said to him "Thou art the man". How like a shepherd God must have seemed to him then, as he remembered how he had searched out the sheep who had gone astray. Truly, David realized in a wonderful way in his life that the Lord was his shepherd.