

*"He Restoresh My Soul"*  
*Hope in Salvation*

Introduction:

1. As the Good Shepherd, the Lord promises restoration to the souls of His sheep.
2. The word for 'restoration' means, "To turn or to turn back; to refresh or restore."
3. The word for 'soul' can refer to the breath of life in man or to the spiritual side of man, his eternal spirit.
4. In all ways, the Lord provides restoration...

I. Heart Redeemed

- A. The greatest restoration of the soul is one's redemption from sin.
- B. It is the Good Shepherd who makes salvation possible (John 10:11, 17-18; 1 Pet. 1:18; Titus 2:14; Rev. 5:9).

II. Health Renewed

- A. However, this passage is talking about the Lord's sheep – those who are saved from sin and following His guidance.
- B. Even the child of God stumbles and stands in need of restoration.
- C. Renewal of spiritual health is illustrated by the restoration of physical health to a lost sheep.
  1. These are called "cast" or "cast down" sheep.
  2. They have rolled onto their backs and cannot return to their feet.
  3. In time, sometimes mere hours, they will die from this condition.
- D. The shepherd must take swift and precise action.
  1. He must watch the sheep carefully.
  2. If one is cast down, he must find it quickly.
  3. He may have to drive off predators.
  4. He must stand the sheep upright, hold it in place, speak to it gently, and help to return circulation to its weak legs.
- E. This is described in the parable of the lost sheep (Lk. 15:1-7; Mt. 18:11-14).
- F. Jesus is seeking His "cast down" sheep to renew their salvation (Psa. 51:10-12; 119:76; Micah 7:8-9, 18-19; Luke 22:31-32; Rev. 3:19).

III. Hope Restored

- A. With spiritual renewal comes a restoration of hope, joy, and life!
- B. In this world we often feel hopeless (cf. Heb. 11:3; 1 Pet. 2:11; Col. 3:1-2).
- C. Yet the Lord is our shepherd – He provides fellowship, encouragement, and direction (Matt. 28:20; Psa. 121; John 14:6).
- D. Therefore, we face the difficulties of life with a Lord who restores our souls.