"I Will Fear No Evil: For Thou Art With Me"

Confidence in Fellowship

Introduction:

- 1. The journey to summer ranges...
- 2. This is possibly where David was when Samuel came to anoint him (1 Sam. 16:11-13; cf. 17:15, 28; 2 Sam. 7:8; Psa. 78:70-71).
- 3. Imagine David in this setting when considering Psalm 19.
- 4. The trip would be difficult for the sheep, but with the Good Shepherd there was nothing to fear.
- I. The Purpose of the Journey
 - A. Provision food had been depleted in the lower areas
 - B. Protection from the valley and along the journey
 - C. Fellowship the Shepherd was alone for weeks with his sheep
- II. The Provision of the Shepherd
 - A. He would scout the path before leading his sheep.
 - B. He would prepare to face any obstacle or enemy.
 - C. He would lead gently through the roughest terrain.
 - D. He would guide to food and water along the way.
 - E. Thus, the sheep learned to trust their shepherd (cf. John 10:1ff)
- III. The Power of Faith
 - A. Matthew 14:23-33
 - B. Luke 22:39-44
 - C. Romans 8:31; Hebrews 13:5-6