

## Weekly Connector: He makes us?

January 13, 2018

Hello, Church!

I hope that in the cold and snowy weather you are finding ways to stay warm and safe. While it may seem odd to others, I love the turning of the seasons and that includes the cold and the snow. 50s on Friday and the teens on Saturday: one more example of the power of God at work!

I wrote last week regarding the challenge to memorize three chapters in Matthew: 5, 6, and 7. Some of you have already memorized a good portion of Matthew 5 and are moving forward in that challenge. Well done! In this second week of the year, I offer you the next set of verses to memorize: Matthew 5:4-6

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

*"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied"*

Three more great promises.

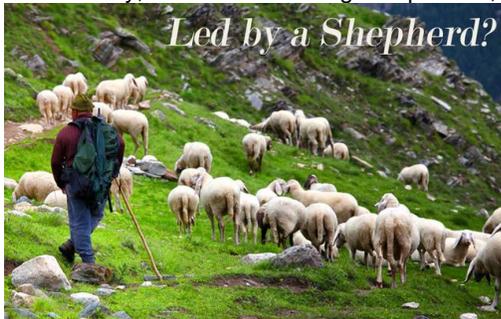
Are you grieving? Comfort will come as "the LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

Are you buying into the common culture's dependence and focus upon displays of power and pride? It is the meek who the LORD focuses upon. A meek person, we have learned, is NOT a weak person. Think Jesus. Think Moses. Great power under control. These are the ones - humbled under God's mighty hand - who will inherit the earth.

Are you hungry and thirsty for the "pleasures of the world" that pass away so quickly? "You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Ps. 16:11) True satisfaction comes through the righteousness of God - His path, His presence, His right hand.

As I approached 2018 and what Scripture I should "hoard" in my heart, I wanted that Scripture to be the very words of Jesus. He has truly brought contentment and satisfaction in His words to me. And, I trust He will bring satisfaction and contentment to you also as you "hoard" His words in your heart.

This Sunday, we continue asking the question, "Led By A Shepherd?", as we follow our Great Shepherd through Psalm 23. David said that His shepherd MADE him lie down in green pastures. How does that work? Does He really MAKE us do this? Bring a friend and come read and study together in Sunday School at 9am and celebrate Jesus together at 10AM. Bring your Bible, too!



Last Wednesday, some of you were able to join me as we looked at "The Road Ahead". Booklets are available in the Welcome Center - please pick one up for yourself and find someone who was there to talk about the exciting opportunities God is giving us to pursue His vision for His church!

I love you, Church!

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