

The Shepherd and the Sheep

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A Psalm of David. (NASB)

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²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.

³He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me
all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Historical context

3 views

in youth

during time before kingship

during David's twilight years

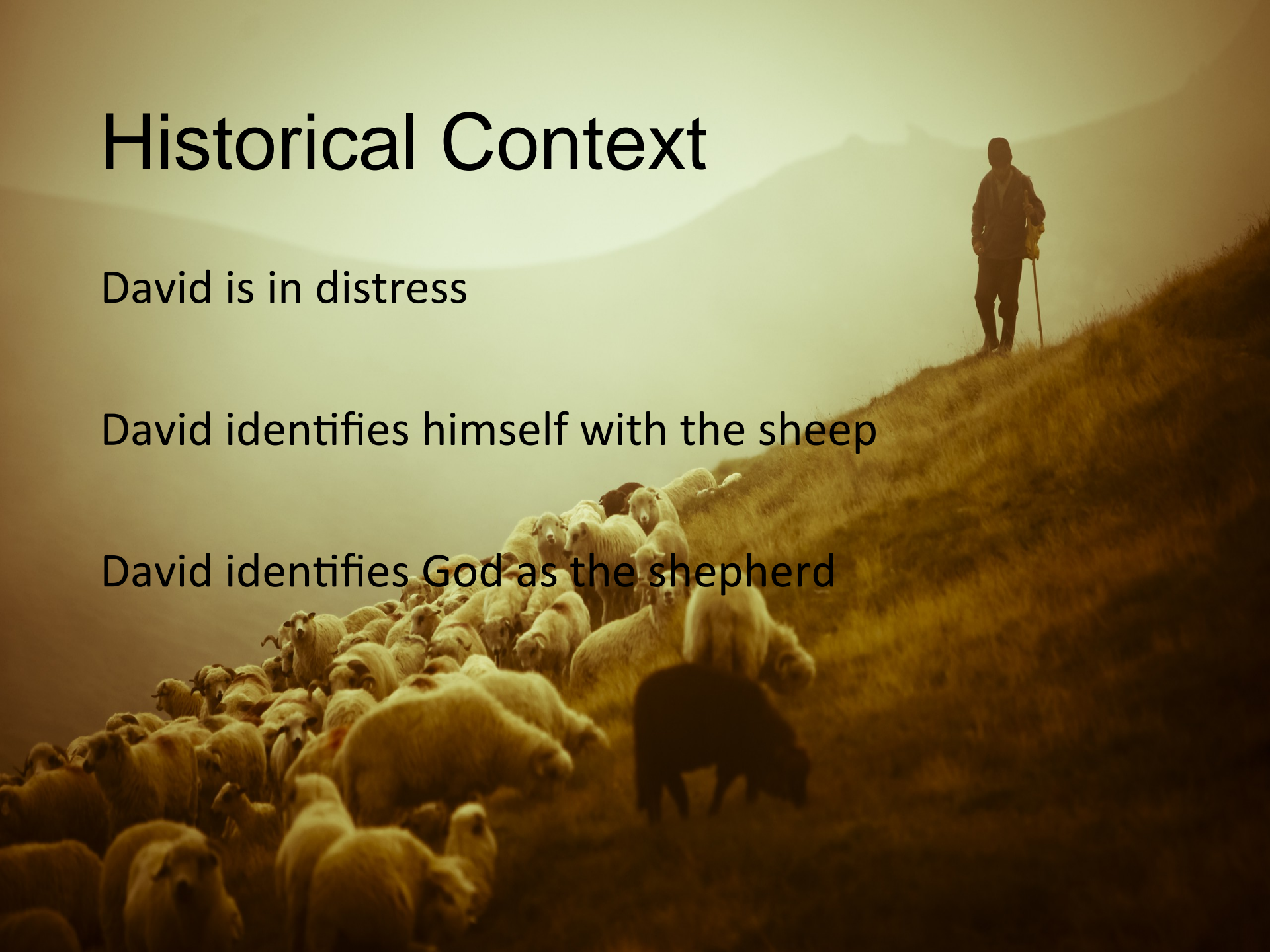


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David is in distress

David identifies himself with the sheep

David identifies God as the shepherd



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Because the LORD is my shepherd, **therefore** I lack for nothing



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A shepherd in silhouette stands on a grassy hillside, leading a large flock of sheep up the slope. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with mountains visible in the hazy background. The sheep are densely packed, moving from the bottom left towards the top right of the frame.

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^{2b} He leads me beside quiet waters.

A shepherd in silhouette stands on a grassy hillside, holding a staff. Below him, a large flock of sheep is gathered on the slope. The background shows misty mountains under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is warm and golden.

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and to redeem, remake, renew



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