



## ***65. The Paths of Righteousness***

*“The Lord is my shepherd ... He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake,”* Psalm 23:1& 3.

Sheep easily go astray choosing paths away from their shepherd ... paths that lead to danger. And some sheep take the same paths over and over again overgrazing their pastures. Believers easily go astray. Peter wrote, *“For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”* Our own paths lead away from our Shepherd. Proverbs 16:25 says, *“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”* And some believers, like some sheep, overgraze their pastures.

Are you on the wrong path? Return to your Shepherd. Don't be your own shepherd. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones,”* Proverbs 3:5-8. Let Jesus lead you in the paths of righteousness. And don't overgraze your pasture. Have you been feeding and feeding on that which you already know? *“For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Therefore leaving the elementary teaching ... let us press on to maturity,”* Hebrews 5:13 - 6:1. Do you need to press on in the paths that lead to maturity?