Series: The Shadow of Death

Title: He Leads Me in Paths of Righteousness for His Names Sake

Text Psalm 23:3b  
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Outline:

1. **He walks the path of righteousness first.**
   1. Perfect righteousness is part of who God eternally is.
   2. Perfect righteousness is what Jesus perfectly displayed.
   3. Perfect righteousness is what God demands through his word.
2. **We follow his path of righteousness.**
   1. We follow his lifestyle. What did Jesus do?
   2. We follow his words. What does God’s word command?
3. **Righteousness is a path.**
   1. THIS is not about justification, but sanctification.
      1. This is not about right standing, but right living.
      2. We are already sheep.
      3. He has already restored our souls.
   2. A righteous lifestyle is incompatable with stasis. Psalm 1.
   3. Righteousness and our eternal wellbeing are the same.
      1. Shepherds have a vested interest in their sheep’s wellbeing.
      2. When people were perfectly righteous in lifestyle there was no death or disease.
      3. When people will be perfectly righteous in lifestyle, there will be no death or disease.
      4. In our present fallen state, righteousness will not always lead to our wellbeing, but it is still far more compatable, and unrighteousness is often destructive.
4. **God’s goal for your life is his own glory.**
   1. “His name’s sake” = showing who HE is.
   2. It is NOT self-actualization.
   3. It is NOT your fame.
   4. It is HIS fame.

Bottom Line: Following Christ will lead to a righteous lifestyle that results in our good and God’s glory.