

“GREEN PASTURES”

WEEK FOUR

- I. “Lie down” in green pastures
 - A. Criteria for “lying down”
 - 1. free from fear
 - 2. free from friction
 - 3. free from distraction
 - 4. free from hunger
 - B. Fearful flock behavior
 - 1. flight
 - 2. failure to flourish
 - 3. lack vigor and vitality
- II. Freedom from fear – Ps 29:25
 - A. panic/stampede – Is 24:18, Jer 48:44
 - B. what do you fear?

C. What does God's word say about fear?

Ps 118:6

Is 41:10

II Tim 1:7

D. How do we deal with fear? Ps 34:4

Look to the Shepherd – Matt 14:22–34

Seek His Face – Lam 3:57, Ps 118:6,

Feed on His word – Ps 119:114, Ps 27:1

III. Free from friction – Ez 34:20–22, Heb 12:14

A. “butting order” – Matt 20:20–28

B. “covetous society” – Jas 4:1–4, Matt 6:24

Eccl 5:12

C. need for acceptance – Pr 29:25, Is 51:7

Gal 1:10, I Thess 2:4

D. Presence of shepherd stops fighting – Is 26:3

Heb 12:14

Ro 12:17–21

IV. Free of Distractions –

- A. Flies, ticks and pests oh my..
- B. Function of the Holy Spirit – John 14:15–18
Pest control
- C. What is “pest-ering” you?

*Heb 12:1

*II Ti 2:2–4

- D. Holy Spirit is:
 - Comforter–Jer 8:18
 - Guide –Luke 4:1, Acts 1:2
 - Encourager–Ps 10:17, Acts 9:31
 - Coach–Mark 13:11, Luke 12:12
 - Intercessor–Jude 1:20
 - Joy–Luke 10:21, Acts 13:52, Ro 14:17
 - Revelation–Heb 9:8, Heb 10:15, II Pe 1:21

- V. Free of Hunger – Ps 65:9, Deut 6:3, 26:9
 - A. Arid Land–green pastures don’t just “happen”
 - 1. product of labor, time and skilled management
 - 2. process of preparation
 - Clear out – Ez 11:19
 - Tear out – He 12:15
 - Break up – Ps 51:17
 - Sow seed – Ja 1:21, 2 Co 9:10
 - Irrigate – Ps 68: 8–10
 - B. Spiritual Anemia – Is 28:11–13, Matt 11:29
 - 1. Is 40:29–31
 - 2. Ps 103:5
 - C. What is “green pasture”? – Ps 37:19, Matt 5:6
 - 1. Read/Study Gods Word – John 6:33–35
 - 2. Hear God’s Word– Amos 8:11–13, Deut 8:3
 - 3. Meditate on God’s Word – Ps 1:2, 77:12, 119:28,97

It’s our own perverseness that prefers barren ground of the world to the “green pastures” of God. Are you “lying down in green pastures”?