

Barrier of Sin

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Psalm 23.

B. The psalm is personal, present and transcendental.

II. Jesus gives maximum security. (John 10:26)

A. People need to know maximum security in the face of demonic power.

B. We are in Jesus' hand and the Father's hand—this is the mystery of the two hands. We can be in two hands at the same time because Jesus and the Father are one. We are in the hands of Jesus with the Father's hands that count.

C. We can still be distressed in the Father's hands because we need to do something with what we know.

D. The lower you get, the nearer you get to the everlasting arms of God.

E. The biggest hurt in the world is loneliness. We can be lonely in the hands of Jesus.

F. We find maximum security in the presence of Jesus.

III. Jesus gives us maximum success.

A. Things do not bring success.

B. Maximum success is having the Lord as one's Shepherd and the Shepherd as one's Lord.

C. Success is obedience to the known revealed will of God regardless of the consequences. (Isaiah 9:6)

IV. Jesus bridges maximum separation.

A. Before Jesus becomes your Shepherd, he must first become your savior.

B. If there is a shadow, there must be a light. Jesus is that light.

C. When Jesus becomes our Savior, he becomes our Shepherd and gives us all good things.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to daily to have the Lord as our shepherd?

2. How can a Christian obtain maximum separation and maximum security?

3. How can you share the gospel better in light of this message? Explain.
