

Sir Henry Williams Baker (born in London, May 27, 1821) was intimately associated the composition of hymns and sacred songs. When he died in 1877, the last audible words on his lips were the third stanza of his exquisite rendering of Psalm 23, "**The King of Love, My Shepherd Is**"—*"Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, And on His Shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me."* Here is the complete hymn:

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
In nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me; and
on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy
rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; and
oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.*

The King of Love Suffered to Make Us His Own

"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth."

"By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?"

"And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth." — Isaiah 53:7-9

Today's Message: **"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

Psalm 23:6

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An opening question: "What gives me _____
in the future?"

"We *crave* depth, but we won't get it on Instagram... Our generation was raised with an understanding that the image we portrayed mattered more than who we actually were."

— A 23-year-old Millennial

"Life is never tied up in a nice little bow.
It's often tied up in knots!"

Hebrews 11:1-40 — "Substance over Image"

Question: "What gave these believers
_____?"

- By faith, they _____ (Hebrews 11:13-16)
- By faith, they _____ (Hebrews 13:13-15)

Psalm 23 has taught us to see life as a *pilgrimage* — a long, sacred journey of devotion to a _____.

Listening With Your Heart