*Psalm series: message # 9*

My Attempt to Describe God

**Psalm 23**

Metaphor: a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action, to which it is not literally applicable.

This literary device is quite common in the Bible, and of necessity; after all our human intellect can barely comprehend to magnitude and scope of the all powerful and eternal God. But since he wants to be loved, and thus needs to be known, the inspired Word is full of comparisons. These are limited by nature, but essential to help us walk towards, and with our God.

This psalm likely contains the best known Biblical metaphors for God. We perhaps we know it so well, we lose sight of its deep meaning.

**The 1st metaphor: vs. 1-4**

The ministry of the shepherd

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**The 2nd metaphor: vs. 5-6**

The ministry of the host

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**The 3rd metaphor:**