

# Knowing the Shepherd

A house party once was held in an English manor.

As was customary, the after-dinner entertainment featured recitations and songs from the guests. A famous actor was present, and when it came his turn to perform, he recited the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. His rendition of the familiar psalm was magnificent, and received much applause.

Later in the evening, the hostess noticed her little, old great aunt dozing in the corner of the room. She was almost completely deaf and had missed most of the evening's entertainment.

Still, the other guests urged her to recite something. Since most people of that era knew many poems by memory, the hostess felt sure she would recite a poem.

To everyone's surprise, she stood up, her voice quivering, and recited the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. When she finished, there were tears in most eyes – including those of the famous actor, who had given his rendition of that Bible passage earlier.

One of the guests later approached the actor and said, "You recited that psalm absolutely superbly. It was incomparable. So why were we so moved by that funny, little old lady?"

He replied, "I know the psalm. She knows the Shepherd."

Knowing God – a close, intimate relationship with Him established by faith in His Son, Jesus Christ – is what gives true meaning and purpose to life.

And prayer is a primary way of getting better acquainted with Him.

*I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1-2 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter