

Sermon Notes  
**“The Shepherd, The Gates”**  
**Psalms 23 & 24**

J. R. Littleproud’s outline of Psalm 23:

The secret of a happy life—every need supplied.  
**"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."**

The secret of a happy death—every fear removed.  
**"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for You are with me."**

The secret of a happy eternity—every desire fulfilled.  
**"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."**

Other references to God as Shepherd:  
Isa. 40:11; John 10:14; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 5:4.

Undershepherds also to nourish their sheep:  
Eze. 34:1-10; Acts 20:28; John 21:5-17; 1 Pet. 5:2.

What is that nourishment? Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 2:2.

Ps. 23:4 see Heb. 13:5.

His love has no limit,  
His grace has no measure,  
His power has no boundary known unto men:  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.  
—Annie Johnson Flint

## **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

(Hymn referred to at the beginning of the sermon)

Based on Psalm 24:7

Georg Weissel, tr. by Chaterine Winkworth

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
Behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me Thy inner presence feel:  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
Until the glorious crown be won. Amen.