**SINGING :**  111 – 144:1,2 - 297 - 306:1,2,4 - 52

**READING:** Exodus 20: 1 – 17; Romans 8

 **THE SHEPHERD’S ANOINTING**

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Text: Psalm 23: 5b

*“Thou anointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over.”*

1. **Why does He need to anoint them?**
2. **How does He anoint them?**
3. **What is the result of this anointing?**
* When Jesus Christ as Shepherd begins to handle a

sinner, our fears increase at first.

* Though it may have been somewhat bewildering to

them at first, soon they would find how truthful it

was.

* Living in this world, we are like sheep in a wilderness

full of demons and evil people pestering us, even

without realizing it.

* Don’t ever imagine that once you are a child of God

that all the strife is over.

* No sheep of Jesus can escape and rise above the

reality of being sinful in a sinful world.

* I thought that once you are converted you are

beyond the attraction to sin.

* Well, it is one of those moments that David’s

Shepherd was anointing his head with oil.

* The shepherds reported that this treatment would

bring an instant change in behaviour.

* Why? How? It is because the Holy Spirit is anointing

him.

* Examine what are your resting grounds?

Do we need the Shepherd, Jesus Christ and Him only

for salvation?

* In himself he is a weakling and trembling man, but

as the anointing of the Spirit of God is on him, he is

like an unmovable pillar.

* Yet it is not quite like that spiritually, for we are to

seek for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

* Have I been seeking the anointing of the Word of

God in my heart?

* The anointing of the Holy Spirit is also experienced

through the sacraments.

* When that Spirit is anointing you, my friends, you

cannot keep your mouth closed.

* How much this chapter has encouraged and

ministered sinners through the centuries is known

by God only!