"Making Sense of the Shepherd's Psalm" - Part 8

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparst a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

“Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

The word rod is translated _______________________________. The rod has several meanings and usages for the shepherd.
• The rod was used to __________________________ the sheep. Psalm 139:23,24
• The rod was used to __________________________ the sheep. Psalm 107:20
• The rod was used to __________________________ the sheep. Romans 12:19

The word staff is translated _________________________________ and it means _____________________________________! Some have suggested that the rod is symbolic of ________________________________ and the staff is symbolic of ________________________________.

There are two primary uses for the staff.
#1. The shepherd uses the staff __________________________. John 16:13
#2. The shepherd uses the staff __________________________. Psalm 3:3

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. This word comfort suggests we would be in deep grief and pain without the ________________________________.

The truth that “THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME” reveals to me the second of six comforts believers can appropriate from the 23rd Psalm.

Comfort #2: I HAVE DIVINE COMFORT!!!