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## The Shepherds

## **Tough Times**

In 2 Kings 7 we see 6 reactions to tough times that will be very instructive for us:

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_ **God**, 6:33





**2. God's word,** verses 1-2

(Numbers 23:19) ""God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

(Jeremiah 29:11) "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(<u>Jeremiah 31:3</u>) "The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

**3. Relying on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** verses 3-8, 12-15

(Joshua 9:14-15) "Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD. {15} So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them."

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**5. Self-\_\_\_\_\_\_**, v 16-17

**6.** \_\_\_\_\_ God and His Word, v 1, 18-29

(Isaiah 43:2) "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you."



