

John 10:11-18

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

John 10:11-18 - continued

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**THE GOOD
SHEPHERD
IN VIEW
PSALM 23**

Psalm 23

1 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 preparest 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.

I. The Shepherd's Character (v 1)

A. Summed up in His name - LORD (YHWH)

Exodus 3:14

And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.

I. The Shepherd's Character (v 1)

B. Seen in His nature

1. Ever faithful

Hebrews 13:5b

... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

2. Always leading

John 10:4

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

I. The Shepherd's Character (v 1)

Our Character Should Reflect His

II. The Shepherd's Compassion (vv 2-3)

A. His care (v 2)

1. Right places

Matthew 11:28

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**

2. Right conditions

Psalms 46:10

**Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among
the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.**

II. The Shepherd's Compassion (vv 2-3)

B. His concern (v 3)

1. To lift up

James 4:10

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

2. To lead

Psalm 40:2

He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

III. The Shepherd's Comfort (vv 4-6)

A. His protection (v 4)

1. In times of distress

Psalm 138:7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

2. That brings confidence

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

III. The Shepherd's Comfort (vv 4-6)

B. His perseverance (v 4)

1. In correction

Hebrews 12:11

Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

2. In consolation

Luke 15:4

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

III. The Shepherd's Comfort (vv 4-6)

C. His provision (v 5)

John 14:2-3

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Luke 16:23

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

III. The Shepherd's Comfort (vv 4-6)

D. His presence (v 6)

1. In this life

Matthew 23:37

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

2. In eternal life

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

IS CHRIST
YOUR
SHEPHERD?