

The GOOD SHEPHERD And HIS SHEEP

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- ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know 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 will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd.” John 10:11-16
- ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one.” John 10:27-30

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- Many names given to our Lord in the Scripture- approx. 85 titles
- The name *the Shepherd* is most loved and remembered
- The OT saints new God as their Shepherd
 - “Give ear, O **Shepherd of Israel**, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell *between* the cherubim, shine forth!” Ps. 80:1
- God’s children are *the sheep of His pasture*
 - “Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the **sheep of His pasture.**” Ps. 100:3
- Sheep released into the wild cannot survive. They have no survival skills. They are totally dependent on the shepherd.

*Compared to sheep

- 3. Why are we compared to a sheep
- As it relates to the needs of a Christian
 - 1. Our inclination to wander away from God (Is. 53:6)
 - “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”
 - 2. Our need for guidance (Is. 40:11)
 - “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, And gently **lead** those who are with young.” (Ps. 80:1; Num. 27:17; Ps. 78:70-72)
 - 3. Our need for protection (John 10:29)
 - “My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father’s hand.” (1 Peter 5:8; Luke 22:11)

*Why Sheep?

- 3. Why are we compared to a sheep (2)
- As it relates to the character of a Christian
 - 1. They hear and follow the shepherd- (John 10:27)
 - “My sheep **hear** My voice, and I know them, and they **follow** Me.”
 - 2. They are harmless and inoffensive (Mt. 11:29)
 - “learn from Me, for I am **gentle** and **lowly** in heart.” (Mt. 10:16; Phil. 2:15)
 - 3. They are useful (profitable) (Philemon 1:11)
 - “who once was unprofitable to you, but now is **profitable** to you and to me.” (Titus 3:8)
 - 4. They live together- a flock (John 10:16)
 - “and there will be one **flock** and one shepherd.” (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2)

*Time to
SURRENDER

- We need a shepherd- We have the GOOD SHEPHERD
 - LISTEN to His voice and FOLLW
- We are CHRIST'S SHEEP- LIVE LIKE IT
 - ATTENTIVE and OBEDIENT
 - HARMLSS and INOFFENCIVE (HUMBLE and GENTLE)
 - USEFUL- PROFITABLE- FRUIT BEARING
 - LIVING in the FOLD – ONE FOLD- ONE SHEPHERD