

The Good Shepherd

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*"Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, He brings His reward with Him as he comes. **He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart.** He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young." Isaiah 40:10-11 NLT*

*THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.***
Psalm 23:1-3

The Shepherd of Our Souls

The quality of relationship we have with the Shepherd of our souls affects everything in our lives; our faith in Him, our prayer life, all of our relationships and how we think about ourselves. **The greatest thing we can do to see our lives become complete is to allow the Great Shepherd to pastor our life and shepherd us as only He can do.**

*You have looked deep into my heart, Lord, and you know all about me. You know when I am resting or when I am working, and from heaven you discover my thoughts. **You notice everything I do and everywhere I go.** Before I even speak a word, you know what I will say, and with your powerful arm you protect me from every side. **I can't understand all of this! Such wonderful knowledge is far above me.*** Psalm 139:1-6

He understands everything about you and is willing and able to finish all the good work He has begun in you. (Philippians 1:3-6)

God is Always Thinking about You

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. Psalm 139:17-18

How well does God know us?

God knows everything I do. God knows everything I think.
God knows everywhere I go. God knows everything I say.

Core Point: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. In John chapter 10, He defines what He has come to do as the Good Shepherd of those who believe and follow Him. As we fully receive Him as the Shepherd of all in our lives, we are blessed and protected in every way.

His knowledge of us reveals His **heart** for us.

Our comprehension of the loving-kindness of God is always in need of expansion. **Everything in our lives is affected by the level of our acceptance of God's great compassion for us.**

Qualities of the Good Shepherd John 10:1-30

*I am the **good** shepherd. The **good** shepherd gives His life for the sheep.* John 10:11

1. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep.

*I am the **good** shepherd; and know My sheep, and am known by My own.* John 10:14

2. The Good Shepherd calls His own.

"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:3

3. The Good Shepherd gathers His sheep.

*"**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 10:16

4. The Good Shepherd guides the sheep. Psa.23:3

*"...the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his **voice.**"* John 10:3-4

5. The Good Shepherd feeds the sheep. Psa. 23:1-2 John 10:9

6. The Good Shepherd cherishes the sheep.

"Like a shepherd, he will care for his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, Hugging them as he carries them, leading the nursing ewes to good pasture." Isaiah 40:11 Message

7. The Good Shepherd protects His sheep. John 10:28

8. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep. John 10:11

9. The Good Shepherd gives His own eternal life.

"I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand."
John 10:28 Message

Core Statement: I allow Jesus the Shepherd of my life, to care for me as only He can do. I yield to His completing work in me. I will hear His voice and follow Him. I know He is with me and pastoring me, in every step of my life!