

The Good Shepherd

WEEK FOUR



THE SEVEN CLAIMS OF JESUS

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

John 10:11 (KJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

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.*

Psalms 23:1-2 (KJV)

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep.

¹⁴ *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.* ¹⁵ *As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

John 10:14-15 (KJV)

The Good Shepherd protects His sheep.

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

John 10:17 (KJV)

The Good Shepherd provides for His sheep.

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.

Psalms 23:6 (KJV)

Other Scriptures:

¹² *I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee;
I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;
I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah,
As the flock in the midst of their fold:
They shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.*

¹³ *The breaker is come up before them:
They have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it:
And their king shall pass before them,
And the LORD on the head of them.*

Micah 2:12-13 (KJV)

Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

1 Samuel 1:17 (KJV)

¹ *O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.*

² *Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.*

³ *Thou compasses my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.*

⁴ *For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.*

⁵ *Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.*

⁶ *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.*

Psalms 139:1-6 (KJV)

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MY NOTES:



TEACHING SUMMARY:

Our minds easily go to the famous Psalm 23 when we talk about God being a Good Shepherd. While there are many people who know about this Psalm and can likely quote it, there is a big difference in experiencing God as the Good Shepherd of our souls. The difference between knowing about God being a good Shepherd and experiencing God as the Good Shepherd is as different as night is from day. When we experience knowing God and not just knowing about God, we will discover the Good Shepherd who knows us, protects us, and provides for us.

TALK IT OVER:

In what way(s) do you identify with being a sheep?

What thoughts do you have when you consider that God is a Good Shepherd who knows you?

In what ways have you experienced God as the Good Shepherd who provides or protects you?

What is one next step the Holy Spirit is challenging you to take?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Day 1) Psalm 23

Day 2) Psalm 28:8-9

Day 3) Psalm 95:4-8

Day 4) Matthew 9:35-38

Day 5) 1 Peter 2:23-25

Day 6) Hebrews 13:20-21