

Knowing The Shepherd

John 10: 1-10

Old Testament view of Shepherds

John 10:1-10 (NIV)

“I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them,

and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate;

whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Psalms 23:1 (NIV)
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Psalms 77:20 (NIV)
You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms 79:13 (NIV)

*Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will praise you forever;
from generation to generation
we will recount your praise.*

Psalms 80:1a (NIV)

*Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock;*

Psalms 95:6 (NIV)

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our
Maker; for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.*

Psalms 100:3 (NIV)

*Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.*

Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)

*He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have
young.*

New Testament
view of
Shepherds

Luke 15:4 (NIV)

*“Suppose one of you has a hundred
sheep and loses one of them. Does he
not leave the ninety-nine in the open
country and go after the lost sheep
until he finds it?*

Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Luke 12:32 (NIV)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

1 Peter 2:24-25 (NIV)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Hebrews 13:20 (NIV)

*May the God of peace, who through
the blood of the eternal covenant
brought back from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great Shepherd of the
sheep,*

**We must
follow the
Shepherd**

**We must
acknowledge
the Sacrifice of
the Good
Shepherd**

John 10:17-18 (NIV)

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NIV)

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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