

## THE GOOD SHEPHERD (JOHN 10)

**The** One and only good Shepherd – Yahshua, is without a doubt, **the** shepherd of the soul. He is also the door that leads the sheep to the green pastures for their restoration and to heaven, their salvation. He declared, I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep. No other shepherd has greater love than His love, to offer. He came to die for them; He came to give them life and none of them who are truly His will perish or be condemned. The care that He provides for His sheep is so perfect and complete that they will lack nothing. All their physical needs are met through the spiritual channel of seeking Him first and His kingdom (Matthews 6:33).

He sought His sheep with great love expressed on the cross; there He cried forgiveness while we were crucifying Him; with His death, He brought His sheep safely one by one, until the hundredth was found, in a figuratively way of speech, for the one hundred number means “God’s election of grace and children of promise”, in the person of Isaac, the child of promise born when his father was a hundred years old (Ed. F. Vallowe).

When the good Shepherd finds the sheep, He cleanses them with his own blood, He purifies them continuously through the work of sanctification by His Holy Spirit; He presents them blameless and guiltless to the Father to be glorified in Him. And yes, what Paul said to the Philippians will be fulfilled, And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ, developing and perfecting and bringing it to completion in you (Philippians 1:6). Yahshua is the only way to the Father, for this reason His true sheep will not listen to any other voice, neither follow any other shepherd. They know Him in a relationship that binds them together – I know them and they know Me.

Our Shepherd has not measured the sacrifice He had to go through to seek and to save His sheep. Once He has them in His hands, no one can snatch them away from Him; the world cannot do it, Satan cannot do it. Then He gives them the gift of eternal life, He seals them with His Holy Spirit, guaranteeing them salvation- no one can snatch them out of His hands. With this, I am not agreeing with the saying, “Once saved, always saved”, if the person does not have the Shepherd and sheep relationship through obedience – the hearing of His voice, the following Him. Yahshua said, When He has brought His own sheep outside, He walks before them, and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice; I know and recognize My own, and My own know and recognize Me (verses 4, 14). Those are the marks of the true sheep of Yahshua. Yahshua is the way to Truth and to Life, apart from Him there is no way to heaven, no Truth and no Life in heaven.

At the end of all things when we have to give an account of the way we lived on earth, many will say to Him, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name and driven out demons in Your name and done many mighty works in Your name? And then I will say to them openly, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly (Matthews 7:22-23). That is, you didn’t have a relationship with Me, I don’t know you by name, you didn’t follow Me neither listened

to My voice, as He said, Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven (Matthews 7:21).

Only the true sheep can sing the Psalm twenty-third with personal meaning through their experience with the Shepherd, they can say,  
Because the Lord is my Shepherd all my needs are met.  
He makes sure I am lying down in the green pastures of His Word  
My soul is refreshed beside the calm water  
His presence leads me in the way of righteousness- I am sanctified!  
Even going through the valley, where the shadow of death is present  
Fear takes no hold of me, for my shepherd is with me  
His rod protects me- keeping me from falling  
His staff comforts me through it all  
A table is prepared for me in the presence of my enemies  
My victory He assured  
He anoints me with oil – the presence of His Holy Spirit  
And with certainty, as long as I live until eternity  
His presence will be my dwelling place forever!

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

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