



# #Blessed

**Part 7 - How the Good Shepherd  
Treats His Sheep**



***The Lord is my Shepherd,  
I have everything I need. He makes  
me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul. He leads me in  
the right paths for his name's sake...***

**- Psalm 23:1-4**

***...Even when I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no  
evil, for you are with me!  
Your rod and staff comfort me.***

**- Psalm 23:1-4**



# **THE MEANING OF “MENACING” METAPHORS**

# The Rod: Guarding the Sheep

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Represents:  
Power and Authority



# The Staff: Guiding the Sheep

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**Represents:**  
**Care and Compassion**



***Jesus is the Great Shepherd  
of the sheep.***

**- Hebrews 13:20 NIV**



***Jesus: “I came so that my sheep will have life and everything they need. I am the good shepherd! The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep.”***

**- John 10:10-11 GW**



# **HOW JESUS SHEPHERDS HIS SHEEP**



**1. If I Bring Him My Pain,  
He Shows Me Kindness**



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

**- Matthew 9:36**



***Jesus: “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”***

**- Matthew 20:28**



**2. If I Follow Him,  
He Leads Me on the  
Right Path**



***He leads me in the right paths  
for his name's sake.***

**- Psalm 23:3 NRSV**



***Jesus: “(The Good Shepherd) walks ahead of the sheep; and they follow him, for they recognize his voice.”***

**- John 10:4 LB**



***Your constant love is my guide;  
your faithfulness always leads me.***

**- Psalm 26:3 GNB**



**3. If I Wander Off from  
Him, He Brings Me Back**



***Jesus: “If a man has a hundred sheep,  
and one of them has gone astray,  
does he not leave the ninety-nine on  
the mountains and go in search of the  
one that went astray?”***

**- Matthew 18:12**



***Jesus: “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”***

**- Luke 19:10**

***I used to wander off until you Lord  
disciplined me, but now I closely  
follow your word. You are good,  
and you only do good, so train me  
in your principles.***

**- Psalm 119:67-68 NLT**



***Jesus said, “If any of you has a sheep  
and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath,  
will you not rescue it and lift it out?  
How much more valuable is a man  
than a sheep!”***

**- Matthew 12:11-12 NIV**

**4. If I Trust Him,  
He Keeps Me Safe**



***My sheep listen to my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life, and they  
will never die, and no one can steal  
them out of my hand....***

**- John 10:27-29 NCV**

***...My Father gave my sheep to me.  
He is greater than all, and no  
person can steal my sheep out  
of my Father's hand.***

**- John 10:27-29 NCV**



***Jesus has the power of God,  
by which he has given us everything  
we need to live and to serve God.  
We have these things because  
we know him.***

**- 2 Peter 1:3 NCV**

***You need not be afraid of sudden disaster or the destruction that comes upon the wicked, for the Lord is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap.***

**- Proverbs 3:25-26 NLT**