

# I Am: Part 10

## Yahweh Rohi: The LORD Is My Shepherd

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John 8:58 NLT

58 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

As this scripture has been mentioned every single week, our hearts should already be positioned to see Jesus as the expression of I Am. As we refer back to:

John 1:1–5 NLT

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 1:14 NLT

14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

The Word existed from the very beginning. And the Word became flesh and made His home among us. This means that Jesus is the expression of God. God's word became visible and is among us.

Jeremiah 23:3–6 NLT

3 But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the LORD have spoken! 5 "For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. 6 And this will be his name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.' In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.

We are picking up right where we left off at last week with Part 9 of this series. The LORD is our Righteousness is God's judgement on those who lead His sheep astray. But His Righteousness for us doesn't stop there. His Righteousness also extends and shows the next part of our series, Yahweh Rohi. Yahweh Rohi is translated as "The LORD is my Shepherd". Since we have the understanding of the just side of God's righteousness we need to have an understanding the Shepherding and gather of His righteousness. Turn with me to Ezekiel 34.

Ezekiel 34:11–16 NLT

11 "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep. 12 I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. 13 I will bring them back home to their own land of Israel from among the peoples and nations. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel and by the rivers and in all the places where people live. 14 Yes, I will give them good pastureland on the high hills of Israel. There they will lie down in pleasant places and feed in the lush pastures of the hills. 15 I myself will tend my sheep and give them a place to lie down in peace, says the Sovereign LORD. 16 I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice!

There are a few things that we need to see that the Shepherd does:

1. Find and Rescue them
2. Bring them back home.
3. Feed them
4. They will lie down
5. Bandage the injured and Strengthen the weak

1. Find and Rescue speaks volumes as it identifies His pursuit of us. This means He is intentional on His part. It is a search and rescue mission. Jesus said that I come to seek and save those that are lost.

As we read a little deeper He identifies the environment where they have been scattered, dark and cloudy. This alludes to very little to no visibility. This signifies that those individuals don't know where they are or where they are going. They have no sense of direction. Everything is in the perspective of how they see it which is little to nothing and not how God sees it.

2. Bring them back home: This reminds me of the parable of the Prodigal Son. In Luke 15:17 "17 "When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!" Being brought back home is the change of location. Although the context of this scripture is them returning back to the land of promise but in the spiritual sense it is the change of eternity.

3. Feed them: Notice this isn't them feeding themselves. I remember as a kid my mom didn't ask what we wanted for dinner. She cooked and we ate what was provided. When God finds and rescues and brings us back into right standings with Him, He will feed us what we need and not what we want. You take a person that is sick and not ate for some time. They cannot eat whatever they want. Their diet must be strategic. This type of feed is what will nurse them back to a health life. And to maintain this health their diet must be balanced.

4. Give them a place to lie down: A place of rest and peace. The pleasant places of rest are also the places of feeding. This progression reveals something crucial: the shepherd understands that sheep cannot properly receive nourishment while anxious or threatened. Rest isn't a luxury—it's the prerequisite for genuine feeding. The repeated emphasis on lying down in peace suggests that the shepherd's work involves removing fear itself, not merely providing food. A sheep that lies down in peace receives what it needs; a sheep consumed by anxiety cannot be truly fed. The shepherd determines what nourishes, where safety exists, and when rest is necessary. This contrasts sharply with the failed shepherds who consumed resources for themselves while the flock scattered and suffered. The true shepherd's feeding is inseparable from his provision of peace—both are acts of shepherding care that restore the whole flock, not just fill their bellies.

5. Bandage the injured and Strengthen the weak: Bandaging means that wounds must be acknowledged, cleaned and treated before healing can occur. Ignoring wounds is the host for infection. When we don't allow our hurts to be dealt with we cause other areas of our life to suffer needlessly. We must allow God to confront our wounds and shortcomings. This will hurt upfront but will bring the restoration needed

to make a full recovery. The Shepherd only wants healing and restoration for His sheep. Healing begins after the wound is engaged and cleansed. Spiritually, this means the Shepherd creates safe spaces for wounds to be confessed and addressed. James 5:14–16 “14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. 16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

David hit this very point in Psalms 23:1-6

Psalm 23:1–6 NLT

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Are we seeing the same things that the LORD declared to Ezekiel for Israel? The very Shepherding that God wanted for Israel is what He did for David. David said in verse one that God is his shepherd, I have all that I need. He did not say all that I want. What God has for us and what we want are oftentimes on the opposite end of the spectrum.

We all know that the life David had was not an easy one. David was on the most wanted list. Saul wanted him dead and David was on the run for many years. David lost a son due to his neglect. David's daughter Tamar was raped by her brother. Then Absalom murdered Amnon. David was overthrown by His son Absalom. David suffered public humiliation once Absalom took the throne. David's son Absalom was killed despite explicit orders to keep him safe. David watched as the people of the kingdom were afflicted with a plague that claimed 70,000 lives. But yet David declared that the LORD is Rohi.

This revelation happened in the latter years of David as he reflected over his position as a shepherd before he was a king. Knowing that a shepherd tends to the flock and will put themselves between the prey and the predator and even die if that is what is required. This is the Righteousness of God, Yahweh Tsidkenu and the Shepherd, Yahweh Rohi all wrapped into one.

To see the Shepherd perfectly let's turn to John 10

John 10:1–11 NLT

1 “I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! 2 But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. 5 They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice.” 6 Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, 7 so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. 9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. 10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

Jesus said that no man comes to the Father except through Him. Jesus is the only way to enter into the sheepfold. The very place where the sheep are gathered. Sheep knows the voice of the one they follow. Their fondness of the shepherd is because he has led them everywhere they go. He is always close by. He gives them a pasture to feast upon, and he heals them when they are injured and weak.

Jesus declared John 10:30 “30 The Father and I are one.” If we can know the word then we can know the voice of God. It's when we have not familiarized ourselves with His word is when His voice is questionable. To know His voice is to know His word. The Shepherd wants to do the everything that we have spoken about today and He desires that you know His voice.

Jesus concluded with verse 11 saying that “I Am the good shepherd, Yahweh Rohi, and that the good shepherd will sacrifice His life for the sheep. And we know that He laid down His life for us.

Let me pray with you today!

