

We Are All Shepherds of His Flock

John 21:15-17

“So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

‘Simon, son of Jochanan¹, do you love Me more than these?’

He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’

He said to him, ‘Tend My lambs.’

He said to him again a second time,

‘Simon, son of Jochanan, do you love Me?’

He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’

He said to him, ‘Shepherd, My sheep.’

He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of Jochanan, do you love Me?’

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’

And he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Tend My sheep.’”

Please notice that these scriptures with the correct Greek rendering do NOT say “feed My sheep.”

Psalms 23 (LITV)

“Yahovah is my shepherd; I shall not lack. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me to waters of rest, He restores my soul; He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table for me before ones vexing me; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the household of Yahovah for as long as my days.”

¹ Yochanan "Yahovah has graced" (יְחֻנָּן yōḥānān)
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John 10:1-17 (LITV)

“Amen, amen, I say to you, The one not entering through the door into the sheepfold but going up by another way, that one is a thief and a plunderer.

But the one entering through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

When he puts forth his own sheep, he goes in front of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger, never!

But they will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of the strangers.

Jesus spoke this allegory to them, but they did not know what it was that He spoke to them.

Then Jesus again said to them,

Amen, amen, I say to you that I am the door of the sheep.

All who came before Me are thieves and plunderers, but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in, and will go out, and will find pasture.

The thief does not come except that he may steal, and kill, and destroy.

I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life on behalf of the sheep.

But the hireling, not even being a shepherd who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and

*forsakes the sheep and flees.
And the wolf seizes them and scatters the sheep.
But the hireling flees because he is a hireling,
and there is no care to him concerning the sheep.
I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that are Mine,
and I am known by the ones that are Mine.
Even as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father;
and I lay down My life for the sheep.
I have other sheep which are not of this fold.
I must also lead those, and they will hear My voice;
and there will be one flock, one Shepherd.
For this reason, My Father loves Me,
because I lay down My life, I may take it again.”*