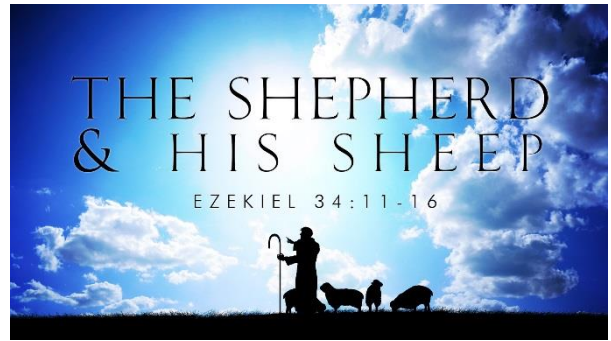


# The Shepherd & His Sheep

Series: Kingdom Motifs

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16



## 1. What The Father Says About Being A Shepherd (Ezekiel 34:11-16)

- a. It is personal to Him (11) - "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.
- b. It is purposeful to Him (12-14) - "As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel."
- c. It is priority with Him (15-16) - "I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

## 2. What David Says About Being A Sheep (Psalm 23)

- a. His Shepherd's provision (1-2) - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters."
- b. His Shepherd's presence (3-4) - "He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 4 Even 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."
- c. His Shepherd's protection (5) - "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."
- d. His shepherd's promise (6) - "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

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### 3. What Jesus Says About Being a Shepherd (John 10:11-16)

- a. I am the sacrificial shepherd (11) - "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
- b. I am the superior shepherd (12-13) - "He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."
- c. I am the sovereign shepherd (14-16a) - "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know Me, 15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice..."
- d. I am the solidifying shepherd (16b) - "So there will be one flock, one shepherd."