

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

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Greek "paroimia" = illustration/allegory/parable

"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! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 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. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice." Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. 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. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep."

—*John 10:1-11 (NLT)*

"Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we are his—his people, the sheep of his pasture."

—*Psalms 100:3 (CSB)*

"We, your people, the sheep of your pasture, will thank you forever."

—*Psalms 79:13 (CSB)*

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

—*Psalms 23:1 (KJV)*

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart."

—*Isaiah 40:11 (NLT)*

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"All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all."

—*Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)*

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

—*Matthew 9:36 (NLT)*

1. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because *He knows* us and *He loves us*.

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord."

—*Psalms 139:1-4 (NLT)*

2. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because we can *know Him*.

"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice."

—*John 10:3-4 (NLT)*

3. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because *He laid down His life* for us.

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"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep."

—*John 10:11-15 (NLT)*

"But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed."

—*Isaiah 53:5 (NLT)*

"But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

—*Romans 5:8 (CSB)*