

Jesus Is Provider

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The Shepherd and The Thief:

John 10:10-11 – The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Sheep without a shepherd are prey for the thief.

Matthew 9:35-36 – Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. ³⁶ When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd.

When we, as His sheep, believe we no longer need the Shepherd's care and wander off, then we suffer dire consequences.

People withdraw from the Shepherd when they don't understand His love.

We Must Yield to the Shepherd:

Luke 13:34 – O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Psalm 81:10-16 – I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. ¹¹ "But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me. ¹² So I gave them up to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels. ¹³ "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways! ¹⁴ I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn My hand against their adversaries. ¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever. ¹⁶ He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; and with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

The Provision of the Shepherd:

Psalm 23:1-6 – The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides 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. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness, mercy and

love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Romans 8:31-32 – What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?