

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Name Above Our Name
December 17, 2023

KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Psalm 100:3](#)
- [Isaiah 53:6](#)
- [John 10:7-30](#)
- [Luke 15:1-7](#)
- [Ezekiel 34:31](#)
- [Isaiah 40:11](#)
- [Psalm 23:1-4](#)
- [Hebrews 13:20-21](#)

KEY POINTS

- Old Testament prophesy indicates a single shepherd with a single flock.
- Jesus declares Himself the Door to the sheep fold as well as the Good Shepherd.
- This contrasts the thieves and false shepherds of Israel. He taught this just following his declaration as the Light of the World. The Pharisees had just removed the blind man that was healed from fellowship. (John 8 & 9)
- The Good Shepherd lays His life down for the sheep.
- We are often referred to in Scripture as sheep. We all need a Shepherd.
- Many of us are independent & not willing to admit that we are in this condition.
- The Good Shepherd protects, guides, heals, feeds, waters, and cares for His sheep.
- The sheep know the Shepherd's voice and the Shepherd knows his sheep.
- Our salvation is secured in both the Father and the Son.
- If one wanders, we can count on Jesus to bring them back.
- Knowing Jesus in this way can help our love for Him grow.

DISCUSSION

1. Are you willing to admit that you need a Shepherd?
2. Do you identify more like an independent lion or a needy sheep?
3. Have you ever wandered away from the fold and been brought back?
4. How can our understanding of Jesus as the Good Shepherd help us to draw close to Him?