

The Good Shepherd is Watching
John 10:1-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

John 10:11

Main Point: Our Good Shepherd loves this flock, protects this flock, provides for this flock and sacrifices for this flock.

Point 1: The Good Shepherd loves His flock.

Jesus has built a relationship of loving instruction, so much so that we know His voice.

Thief (*kleptes*)- one with subtlety and deception in order to steal.

Robber (*lestes*)- one who uses violence, force and plundering to steal.

The Good Shepherd loves you so much and He will go ahead of you.

Point 2: The Good Shepherd protects His flock.

“He who is a hired hand... sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees... because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”

John 10:12-13

Once the sheep were safe in the pen for the night, a shepherd would often sleep in front of the gate to protect the flock. This is why Jesus tells us that He is the “door”.

Point 3: The Good Shepherd provides for His flock.

“...if anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

John 10:9

Jesus “knows” us, which is far more than knowing facts about us. He has an intimate relationship with us and knows our needs.

Point 4: The Good Shepherd sacrifices for His flock.

“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

1 John 3:16

When the enemy draws near, Jesus will not leave! He stays, He defends, He sacrifices and will be with us!

Jesus is with you, Hope Church. You are in His loving hands and the Good Shepherd is watching over you.

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