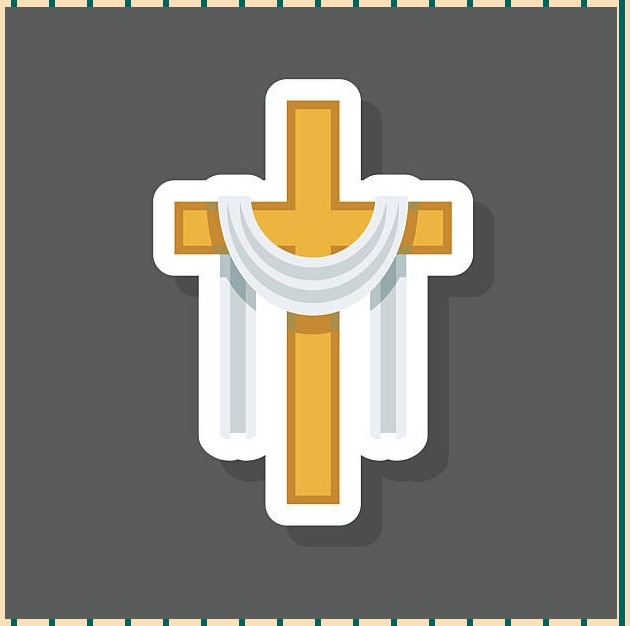


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PICTURES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MANY METAPHORS USED OF GOD'S PEOPLE

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

eg.

THE BODY, THE BRIDE, THE FAMILY,

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THE CHURCH: THE FLOCK OF GOD

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SCRIPTURES

- JOHN 10: 1 – 18
- PSALM 23: 1 – 6
- 1 PETER 5: 1 – 4
- ACTS 20: 28


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Sheep, in general, are:

- not intelligent
- get lost easily, ie no sense of direction
- restless
- Need plenty of water
- often unable to fend for themselves with a need a lot of care
- Highly social and have a strong instinct to gather together
  - exhibit a strong flocking behaviour

THE BEHAVIOUR OF SHEEP & MEN IS SIMILAR IN MANY WAYS

- OUR COLLECTIVE MIND (FLOCKING INSTINCTS)
- OUR FEARS & OUR TIMIDITY
- OUR STUBBONNESS & STUPIDITY
- OUR PERVERSE HABITS
- OUR INABILITY TO CARE FOR OURSELVES

OLD TESTAMENT ROOTS OF "FLOCK"

eg
Isaiah 40:11;
Zechariah 10: 3

ISRAEL – THE HOUSE OF JUDAH - IS REGARDED AS THE LORD'S FLOCK

THE LORD IS THE OWNER AND PROTECTOR OF THE SHEEP – HE WILL TEND TO THEM, HE WILL GATHER & CARRY THE LAMBS, HE WILL GENTLY LEAD THE NURSING LAMBS

THE SHEEP OWE THE LORD ALLEGIANCE – WHICH IS DEMONSTRATED BY THEM KEEPING HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT ROOTS OF "FLOCK"

COMMUNICATES

- **THAT ISRAEL IS UNDER THE CARE & PROTECTION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (PSALMS 95:7; EZEKIEL 34:31)**
- **THAT WHILE THE FLOCK MAY BE SCATTERED IN JUDGEMENT (EZEKIEL 34:12) THERE IS ALWAYS THE HOPE OF RESTORATION & REGATHERING (JEREMIAH 23; 1- 3)**
- **THAT HIS PEOPLE ARE THE OBJECTS OF HIS SAVING GRACE & HEIRS OF ALL THE COVENANT PROMISES (MICAH 7: 14)**

OLD TESTAMENT ROOTS OF “FLOCK”

COMMUNICATES

- ❑ **THE PEOPLE’S HELPLESSNESS**
- ❑ **NAIVETÉ**
- ❑ **SIMPLICITY**
- ❑ **DEPENDENCE**

SEE

PSALMS 74:1; 77:20; 78:52; 79:13; ISAIAH 40:11; ZECHARIAH 9:16; 10:3; 11:7, 17.

THE SHEEP
&
THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE SHEPHERD

JOHN 10: 1 - 6

he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

To him, the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10 : 1 -3 (NASB, 1999)

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LESSON
#1

FAMILIARITY



HE CALLS HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME…
THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE…

I am the good shepherd,
and I know My own and my own know Me,
even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10 : 14 - 15 (NASB, 1999)

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LESSON #2

INTIMACY



When He has brought out all His own, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice

John 10: 4 (ESV)

THE SHEPHERD & HIS PROVISION FOR HIS SHEEP

JOHN 10: 7 - 10

So Jesus said to them again,
“Truly, truly I say to you,
I am the door of the sheep.
All who come before Me are thieves and
robbers, but the sheep do not hear them.
I am the door; If anyone enters through
Me, he will be saved, and will go in and
out and find pasture.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy; I came that they might have life,
and have it abundantly.

John 10 : 7 - 10 (NASB, 1999)

EXAMPLES OF A SHEEP FOLD





LESSON #3

JESUS IS THE DOOR

HE IS PROTECTOR AS WELL AS PROVIDER

NOT JUST SAVED, BUT ALSO SAFE

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CHRIST PROVIDES ABUNDANT LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP.

BUT

WHAT IS ABUNDANT LIFE ?

THINGS.

IT IS NOT AN OVERFLOWING OF WEALTH AND LIQUID ASSETS

IT IS NOT A LIFESTYLE THAT CAN BE PURCHASED OR EARNED

ABUNDANT LIFE IS BEING SATISFIED BY THE LIFE THAT THE LORD HAS PROVIDED FOR YOU.

SCRIPTURE STATES THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD WILL

- LEAD HIS SHEEP TO GREEN PASTURES
- LOOK FOR THE STRAYS
- KEEP HIS SHEEP FROM POISONOUS PLANTS
- TAKE HIS SHEEP TO GOOD WATER
- PROVIDE EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH OF THE SHEEP

PSALM 23:1-6 (NASB, 1995)

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO BE A SHEEP

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Just to be
a sheep that follows the shepherd
wherever he leads;
trusting and knowing that the shepherd
knows best for the sheep.

John 10 : 14 - 15 (NASB, 1999)

THE SHEPHERD’S HEART FOR HIS SHEEP

JOHN 10: 11 - 16

I am the good shepherd;
the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.
He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

John 10 : 11 – 13 (NASB, 1999)

I am the good shepherd; and
I know My own and My own know Me,
even as the Father knows Me and I
know the Father; and
I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10 : 14 – 15 (NASB, 1999)

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LESSON #4

COMPASSION

Jesus felt compassion for his sheep deep within Him. (Matthew 9: 36)

His Heart was full of sacrificial love
He devoted His whole life to us every day and ultimately was willing to pay the
supreme sacrifice..

THE HEART OF OUR SHEPHERD –
HE WILLINGLY LAID DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR HIS SHEEP

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LESSON #5

ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD

**There will be sheep “not of this fold” who will respond
to the voice of the shepherd**

THE SHEPHERD'S MARK ON HIS SHEEP

Exodus 21: 1- 6; DEUTERONOMY 15: 12 -17;

GALATIANS 6:17

CAN WE TRULY SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN MARKED BY OUR LORD?

”..I BEAR ON MY BODY

THE BRAND-MARKS OF JESUS”

Galatians 6: 17

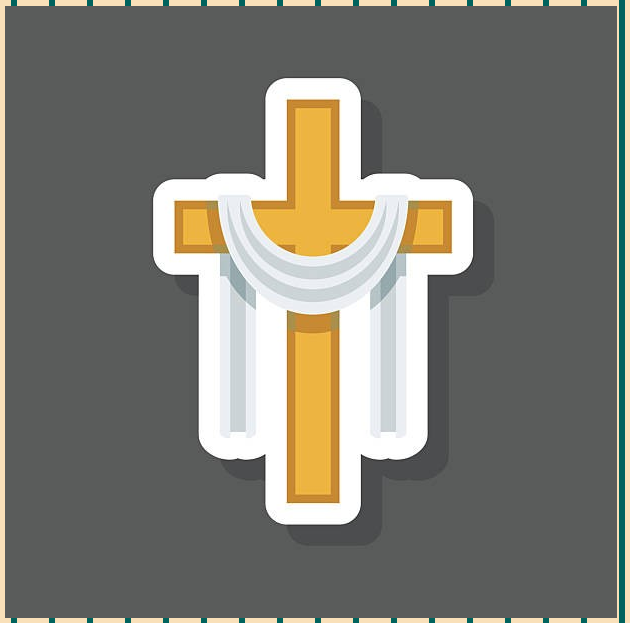
EVERY SHEPHERD HAS TO MARK HIS SHEEP – THERE IS PAIN FOR BOTH SHEEP & SHEPHERD

BUT

THERE COMES AN INDELIBLE MARK OF OWNERSHIP THAT CAN NEVER BE ERASED.

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WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?



IT IS THE MARK OF THE CROSS

THAT IDENTIFIES US WITH HIMSELF

FOR ALL TIME.

‘If anyone wishes to come after Me,

he must deny himself, and take up

his cross and follow Me”

Matthew 16: 24 – 26 (NASB, 1999)

HAVE WE REALLY COME UNDER THE LORD'S DIRECTION & MANAGEMENT?

WE CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS – EITHER WE BELONG OR WE DON'T



Not everyone
who says to
Me, “Lord,
Lord”
will enter the
kingdom of
heaven,
but he who
does the will of
My Father who
is in heaven

Matthew 7: 21 -
23

JESUS WARNS US THAT THERE WILL BE A DAY WHEN WE WILL SAY “*LORD, DID WE NOT DO MANY THINGS IN YOUR NAME LIKE PROPHESY, CAST OUT DEMONS, PERFORM MANY MIRACLES*”

BUT

HE WILL RETORT THAT HE WILL ASK US TO DEPART FROM HIM AS

SOME QUESTIONS



Do I really belong to Him?

Do I really recognize His right to me?

Do I respond to His authority and acknowledge His ownership?

Am I able to find freedom and true fulfillment with Him as my Shepherd?

Do I sense a purpose and deep contentment because I am under His direction?

Am I able to know rest and repose in belonging to Him?

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CAN I REALISTICALLY SAY WITH GRATITUDE AND HONESTY THAT I BELONG TO JESUS AND THAT “THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD” & I AM PART OF HIS FLOCK?

MY EGO,

TO PUT THINGS INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE THAT

CHRIST THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS CALLS HIMSELF MY SHEPHERD AND INVITES ME TO CONSIDER MYSELF HIS SHEEP – HIS SPECIAL OBJECT OF AFFECTION AND ATTENTION

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