

Good Shepherd

We'll see about God being the good shepherd (.John 10). Millions of messages on this topic will never suffice, we could go on talking. The Lord tells His people that He did not choose them because they were great but because they were least, God chose them. Deuteronomy 7, 7. The Bible records that shepherding; the family occupation of Jacob which is the first family of Israel was an abomination to the cultured, cosmopolitan Egyptians. Exodus 46, 34.

But yet God chose them, and not only that He called Himself their Shepherd. What a faithful God have we! When God chooses what has been detested, then that becomes holy.

Personally, the more I meditate on the Lord as my Shepherd, the more thankful and grateful I become. Today the pastor said, in Palestine the terrain is so unpredictable and so the shepherd always goes in front to feel any cracks which may catch the sheep's feet or to check if there are any pits. Yeah the Lord always goes before clearing the way for us. Micah 2, 13.

David staked his life for his sheep when defending them from lion and a bear, but our Lord poured out His life even to last drop of blood, even to the last drop of water in His broken body. He never spoke of any high unattainable morals, but what He said He accomplished, He said the Good Shepherd will lay down His life for the sheep and He just did that. Read John 10 again and again. If this day we would really feel the Shepherd's love and if we really love Him and tell the Lord, "Jesus I love you" Do you know what He will answer, He will say again and again, if you love me then feed my lambs John 21, 15-17. He has not only shepherded us but now He wants us to shepherd, to bring home the lost sheep of this world. I feel the highest calling in this world would be when God chooses us to be His shepherds down on earth to bring the lost into the One Fold as He tells in John 10, 14.

Lord you found us when we were lost in the howling wilderness (Deuteronomy 32, 10) you paid our ransom and dear Lord help us to love you as you would want us to love you. Yes Lord help us to feed your sheep but teach us how. Lord let us do something for you, but only teach us how. The sheep knows the voice of the shepherd; make

our heart sensitive to your voice when you speak. In Jesus name.
Amen.