

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Scripture

*"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."
John 10:11*

Reflection

David's use of the word "my" reveals a personal relationship with God. The Lord was not merely the Shepherd of Israel or the Shepherd of others. He was David's Shepherd.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, given new spiritual life, and adopted into the family of God. We become members of His flock. Jesus knows His sheep, calls them by name, and gave His life to save them.

Christianity is more than knowing information about God. It is knowing Him personally through Jesus Christ. The Good Shepherd loves each of His sheep and cares for them individually. We can trust Him because He has already demonstrated the depth of His love at the cross.

Illustration

A shepherd may care for an entire flock, but he also knows the particular needs of each sheep. He recognizes which one wanders, which one is weak, and which one needs extra care.

Jesus cares for His entire church, yet He also knows every detail of your life. You are never overlooked or forgotten by Him.

Application

Examine your relationship with Christ. Do you merely know facts about Jesus, or have you personally trusted Him as Savior and Shepherd?

Spend time today thanking Jesus for knowing you, loving you, and laying down His life for you. Choose one area of your life that you have been trying to control and place it under His leadership.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for being the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for me. Thank You for knowing me personally and calling me into Your flock. Help me trust Your love, listen to Your voice, and follow where You lead. Amen.