



Knowing Christ

Finding Pasture



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Condemning the Shepherds

- ^{NAS} **John 10:6** This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. ⁷ Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them...¹⁰ "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy...
- ^{NIV} **Matthew 23:13** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.
- ^{NAS} **Ezekiel 34:2** "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?"

Delivering the Sheep

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Good Shepherd vs Bad

- ^{NAS} **John 10:10** "The thief comes only to ... kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life...
 - Instead of taking life, Jesus gives it.
- ^{NAS} **John 10:10** "The thief comes only to steal...; I came that they ... might have it abundantly.
 - Instead of stealing, Jesus gives abundance.

The Only Way

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- ^{NAS} **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.
- ^{NAS} **Acts 4:12** "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."
- ^{NIV} **1 John 5:11** And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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The Abundant Life

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 - “Within the metaphorical world, *life...to the full* suggests fat, contented, flourishing sheep, not terrorized by brigands; outside the narrative world, it means that the life Jesus’ true disciples enjoy is not to be construed as more time to fill (merely ‘everlasting’ life), but life at its scarcely imagined best, life to be lived”. -> *Don Carson*
- NAS **Ephesians 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
- NAS **1 Corinthians 2:9** but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

Applications

The Foundation of Abundant Life

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- ^{NAS} **Psalms 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want...⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Giver of Abundant Life

A. ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

B. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

C. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C'. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

B'. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

A'. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Conclusions

Jesus, Giver of Life

- NAS **John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- NAS **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- NAS **John 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."
- NAS **John 5:21** "For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.
- NAS **John 6:54** "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Jesus, Giver of Abundance

- **NAS Luke 11:9** "And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.
- **NIV Mark 11:24** Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
- **NAS 1 John 3:22** and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.
- **NIV 2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.
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Follow the Leader

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
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4. Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
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