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**Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.**



The good shepherd cares lovingly for the lost sheep of the Kingdom.

Christ is the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep of God set for the Father's house.

He is the shepherd of our soul and shows us everything that a Good Shepherd does unto the sheep of his pasture as he does the work of the Kingdom. It is the very thing that God does for us all who believes in Him.

God supplies us with His truth to heal our broken and fractured life. His Word gives us strength and understanding on how to live against sin in our life, which only poisons our mind separating us unto death slowly in this world. It is His Word that nourishes our soul to bring confidence and assurance that we will live and not die in our sin.

As God's Good Shepherd; Christ ushers us into the Kingdom of God's work while yet here on earth. At the times of our suffering, God shows up to glorify His name in the earth, because the work of the Kingdom is in His hands as we live a surrendered life yielded unto Him.

All of the work that we do, must bring glory and honor unto His namesake in the earth, because we have no inward ability to know how to do it in the right way on our own.

**John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

Any man who truly works for the kingdom of God will realize that his life is no longer his own to do the works that please him. In belonging to Christ, our life is not about us. Our heart is set intensely on His

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kingdom work to be done while it is day, and we have the strength to do it.

*Psalm 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.*

David proclaimed that I will not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

As we declare the Word of the Lord in our heart; we are being carried in His bosom as belonging unto Him. In everything we do; everywhere we go; we make known the proclamations of His truth living in us.

Those who are rejecting God's truth are not abiding in His Eternal Life. They have life, but they are not living of His abundant life that will continue in Heaven. It is His abundant life that will carry us from day to day as we actually live His Eternal Word as He has spoken in not allowing sin to interfere with our actions.

Every Word of encouragement is gently encouraging all who will follow His truths. God does not intend to leave any of us behind to die alone in our sin and be banished from Heaven for all eternity. But, it will happen to those who refuse to listen and do as instructed.

Satan denies the truth and causes us to forsake God's Eternal Word and the righteousness set of Him in the earth. God's Word sets us on the right track to eternal life healing us along the way.

To heal us, God gathers us into His arms as young lambs needing guidance and protection from all danger and harm.

God gives every person a chance to live of Him while in this earth.

*Ezekiel 18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.*

This is speaking of our living eternally with Him in His truth.

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This scripture is saying that the most wicked person can be saved and live eternally, if he will turn from all of his sins that he has committed. To turn from sin, we all must do as God has spoken in His Eternal Word set in His wisdom to guide us back into His truth.

People who sin, tend to form a habit of doing the same thing over and over again in their life as they see nothing wrong with it. They have no power to reject it, and to stop doing it.

Sinful actions will burden us, so that we are burdened and weak having no power or inward strength. Therefore the same sin is committed over and over again.

We must be willing to keep all of God's statutes, and not just a few of them. Our life is not really transformed even though we may go to church every Sunday. Our old habits and ways will still remain if we are not careful.

We must continually do that which is lawful in the Word of God; no matter what other words are spoken by others, if we know the truth.

The Lord must be our shepherd at all times as we hear His voice. If we make all other voices that we may hear our guide; we may do the wrong things causing sin against God, of which we are not accountable as we follow instructions. The true weight of sin, rests upon the person who instructs God's truth to guide us. When things do not turn out right, we know we did something wrong listening to the wrong voice. It may seem right even when wrong; but it cannot get us into Heaven. Anything we hear others speak, must still be handled with kindness and encouragement with God's truth guiding us.

Christ always looks upon lost souls as sheep having no shepherd.

***Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate***

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**them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:**

The sheep represent those who follow His Eternal Word; and the goats represent those who rebel and refuse to follow.

**Matthew 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

Christ searches the heart of all who come to do His work, and the manner in which it is done.

**Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:**

Every time we do a kind deed for others, we are serving Christ in His body. All who refuse to follow in the same manner as shown unto us by Christ; are still in self will being hateful and useless to God's way of righteousness. The same system we use as separating good seed from the bad; is the same system used by God as it was shown unto all men.

King David said this about God His Heavenly Father....

***Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*** God supplies all we will ever need to live by, out of His storehouse of riches.

***Psalm 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.***

This is the comfort He brings to our soul in times of distress and oppression that seem to overcome us. **His still waters** is calm and flowing in harmony with His eternal truth to bring us Eternal Life.

**Psalm 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

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As He leads us into his paths of righteousness; we must know that He cares about how we do the work of His kingdom that is to bring in lost souls.

*Psalm 23:4 **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.***

It is His Word that brings us comfort to our soul by the Word as He fulfills what He speaks unto us. In His Word, He is preparing us in the presence of our enemies.

*Psalm 23:5 **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.***

Our heart and mind is brought into full balance with His eternal truth through our obedience. Developing relationship is moving us as one abiding in His truth under Holy Spirit who dwells with us continually.

*Psalm 23:6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.***

We can only speak these words if we abide in truth being honest with ourself. Are we truly keeping God in first position of our heart, or do we hold other things more important before Him each day.

We must learn to incorporate His truth into everything we do as a fabric of life being woven into new material. This is why it is important to examine ourselves, and search our own heart every day by His truth that is to govern all of our actions.

It is in His goodness that all things work together to them that love God and are called according to His purpose as they do the work of the Kingdom.

*Romans 8:28 And **we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.***

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Christ was always moved with compassion of those who took the time to come to Him as they were called by His Eternal Word into His Life.

***Dear Father God,***

***I seek you as a kind, loving and caring shepherd over our life. Thank you for being a consoling power over our life to bring relief to our difficult days of suffering. I come into your presence saying thank you today. Please forgive me for all of my sins as I repent of every shameful deed done on my part. I forgive all who have done shameful and hurtful things unto me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to heal me with Holy Spirit and to seal me under forgiving grace. In the precious name of Jeus I ask this blessing, Amen.***

*( Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.)*



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