

# Shepherding

## Ps. 23:1–6

- 1 The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 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.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 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.

## Ezek. 34:11–15, 22, 23

- 11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
- 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a

fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

### **Ps. 78:70–72**

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

### **Isa. 40:10, 11**

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

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.

### **Isa. 11:6**

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

### **Ps. 25:4–7**

- 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
- 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

### **Deut. 32:9–12**

- 9 For the LORD'S portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance.
- 10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.
- 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:
- 12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.

### **Num. 27:15–23**

- 15 ¶ And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,
- 16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,
- 17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.
- 18 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom *is* the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;
- 19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

- 20 And thou shalt put *some* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.
- 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.
- 22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation:
- 23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

### **Josh. 14:6–9**

- 6 ¶ Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh–barnea.
- 7 Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh–barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.
- 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.
- 9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

### **I Sam. 12:14**

- 14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

### **Matt. 4:18–25 Jesus**

- 18 ... Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
- 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- 20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.
- 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
- 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.
- 23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.
- 25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, and *from* Jerusalem, and *from* Judæa, and *from* beyond Jordan.

### **Matt. 10:1, 5–8**

- 1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
- 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not.
- 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

**Ps. 139:7–10**

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
- 9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

**Ps. 119:174–176**

- 174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

**Ps. 143:10**

- 10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

**SH 151:26**

- All that really exists is the divine Mind and
- 27 its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and
- 30 follow the leadings of truth.

**SH 505:16–17**

Spirit imparts the understanding which uplifts consciousness and leads into all truth.

**SH 271:21–22**

21                                      When the Science of Christianity  
  appears, it will lead you into all truth.

**SH 338:1–2**

1   Christian Science, rightly under-  
  stood, leads to eternal harmony.

**SH 458:25–28 The**

  The  
  Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is hon-  
27   est and consistent in following the leadings of divine  
  Mind.

**SH 324:13–15 The**

  The way is straight  
  and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God  
15   is the only Life.

**SH 167:24–26**

24   There  
  is but one way — namely, God and His idea — which  
  leads to spiritual being.

**SH 458:23–24**

  The Christianly scientific man reflects the  
24   divine law, thus becoming a law unto himself.

The panoply  
of wisdom

**SH 253:9–14**

9       I hope, dear reader, I am leading you into the under-

standing of your divine rights, your heaven-bestowed harmony, — that, as you read, you see there is no  
12 cause (outside of erring, mortal, material sense  
which is not power) able to make you sick or  
sinful; and I hope that you are conquering this false sense.

Heaven-  
bestowed  
prerogative

### SH 332:19

X. Jesus demonstrated Christ; he proved that Christ  
is the divine idea of God — the Holy Ghost,  
21 or Comforter, revealing the divine Principle,  
Love, and leading into all truth.

Holy Ghost  
or Comforter

### SH 4:5–9

To keep the com-  
6 mandments of our Master and follow his  
example, is our proper debt to him and the only  
worthy evidence of our gratitude for all that he has  
9 done.

Efficacious  
petitions

### SH 350:6–11

6 To understand all our Master's sayings as recorded  
in the New Testament, sayings infinitely important,  
his followers must grow into that stature of  
9 manhood in Christ Jesus which enables them  
to interpret his spiritual meaning. Then they know  
how Truth casts out error and heals the sick.

Both words  
and works

### SH 5:30–32

30 We should  
follow our divine Exemplar, and seek the de-  
struction of all evil works, error and disease included.

Diabolism  
destroyed



**SH 298:22**

Spiritual ideas lead  
up to their divine origin, God, and to the spiritual sense  
24 of being.

**SH 454:18–19**

18 Love inspires,  
illuminates, designates, and leads the way.

**SH 578:15–18 runneth**

15 ... runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness]  
18 of [LOVE] for ever.

**Hymn. 584:1-3**

The Lord is my Shepherd; I need not a thing.  
Green pastures give rest for my soul.  
Love leads me beside the still, still waters.  
Love restores me, and Love makes me whole.

Love leads me in right paths to honor God's name,  
And though I walk through darkest days,  
I won't be afraid for Love's here beside me  
To protect me and show me the way.

Though sin would surround me, my cup overflows;  
You show that I'm never alone.  
Your goodness and love are mine forever;  
In the dwelling of Love, I am home.

**Hymn. 477:1-4**

REFRAIN

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,  
Over all a vigil keep;  
In my name lead them forth  
Gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray,  
Their protector be.  
As ye do unto my flock,  
Thus ye do to me.

REFRAIN

Unto all who lose the way,  
Hope and comfort be.  
As ye do unto my flock,  
Thus ye do to me.

REFRAIN (ALTERED)

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep,  
Over all a vigil keep;  
In my name lead them forth  
Gently, gently as a loving  
Shepherd of the Lord.

**Hymn. 245:1-3**

O tender, loving Shepherd,  
We long to follow thee,  
To follow where thou leadest,  
Though rough the path may be;  
Though dark and heavy shadows  
Enshroud the way with gloom,  
We know that Love will guide us,  
And safely lead us home.

We know, beloved Shepherd,  
The path that thou hast trod  
Leads ever out of darkness,  
And on and up to God.  
If from that path we wander,  
And far astray we roam,  
O, call us, faithful Shepherd,  
And bring us safely home.

Throughout the way, dear Shepherd,  
Thy strong hand doth uphold;  
The weary ones, at nightfall,  
Thou gently dost enfold.  
And when to Truth's green pastures  
With joy at length we come,  
There shall we find, O Shepherd,  
Our blest, eternal home.