



“Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go” **Isaiah 48:17**

JESUS CHERISHES THE FATHER'S HEART ABOUT SHEPHERDING YOU

Select verses from John 10th chapter (KJV) have been extracted to give you instruction about who you should follow all the time. In that way, you won't follow a wolf that is disguised as a sheep. ¹ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴ And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ⁵ And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁷ Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. ¹² But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. ¹³ The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. ¹⁵ As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. ¹⁷ Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸ No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of My Father. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: ²⁸ And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one.” Only operate “as one” with Abba Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.

A WAY OF ESCAPE IS PRESENT WITH EVERY TEMPTATION

Psalm 25:12-14 (TLB) are God's principles to live in a circle of blessing instead of a cycle of defeat. Every choice we make leads us to the blessing or to the curse. “Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best. He shall live within God's circle of blessing, and his children shall inherit the earth. Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone He shares the secrets of His promises.” Holy Spirit is heaven's appointed guide for life. 1) Make room for His wisdom for you can't vex Him. “In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed His Holy Spirit: therefore He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them,” Isaiah 63:9-10 (KJV). 2) Make room for His love so you can't grieve Him. “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption,” Ephesians 4:29-30 (KJV). 3) Make room for His power so you can't quench Him. “Quench not the Spirit,” 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV). Daily sanctification silences the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; stay mindful of “Neither give place to the devil,” Ephesians 4:27 (KJV). Let nothing come between you and God, but the blood of Jesus Christ. “For it is written, be ye holy; so I am holy,” 1 Peter 1:16. Follow His voice!

REFLECTION FROM CHARLES H. SPURGEON'S TREASURY OF DAVID

Shall set us in the way of His steps, Psalm 85:13. “It is reported in the Bohemian History, that St. Wenceslaus, their king, one winter night going to his devotions, in a remote church, barefooted in the snow and sharpness of unequal and pointed ice, his servant Podavivus, who waited upon his master's piety, and endeavored to imitate his affections, began to faint through the violence of the snow and cold; till the king commanded him to follow him, and set his feet in the same footsteps, which his feet should mark for him: the servant did so, and either fancied a cure, or found one; for he followed his prince, helped forward with shame and zeal to his imitation, and by the forming footsteps for him in the snow. In the same manner does the blessed Jesus; for, since our way is troublesome, obscure, full of objections and danger, apt to be mistaken, and to affright our industry, He commands us to mark His footsteps, to tread where His feet have stood, and not only invite us forward by the argument of His example, but He hath trodden down much of the difficulty, and made the way easier and fit for our feet. For He knows our infirmities, and Himself hath felt their experience in all things but in the neighborhoods of sin; and therefore He hath proportioned a way and a path to our strength and capacities, and like Jacob, hath marched softly and in evenness with the children and the cattle, to entertain us by the comforts of His company, and the influence of a perpetual guide. *Jeremy Taylor.*” Allow Holy Spirit to take the lead!

Thought for Transformation

Psalm 23 (KJV) “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 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. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Allow your God-sized capacity to receive so you won't crave anything.

Readiness to Listen

Psalm 85:8-13 (KJV) “I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall set us in the way of His steps. Isaiah 58:8 (AMPC) amplifies the finishing touches for your pathway. “Then shall your light break forth like the morning, and your healing (your restoration and the power of a new life) shall spring forth speedily; your righteousness (your rightness, your justice, and your right relationship with God) shall go before you [conducting you to peace and prosperity], and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.”