

**Shepherd: What does it mean? (v1, Genesis 48:15, Ezekiel 34:2, John 21:15-17)**

**What do sheep need? (v1-3, Ezekiel 34:2, Matthew 11:28-28)**

**How does this sheep analogy relate to us believers? (v1-3, John 6:51, John 4:14, Mark 6:34)**

**Conclusion:**

### **Main Passage Psalms 23 - King James Version (KJV)**

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.

### **Cross References**

#### **Genesis 48:15**

**WEB:** He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has fed me all my life long to this day,

**NASB:** And he blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day,

**John 21:15-17** 15 So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you."

He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?"

Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you have affection for me?" He said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

**Ezekiel 34:2** "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy, and tell them, even the shepherds, 'The Lord Yahweh says: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Shouldn't the shepherds feed the sheep?"

**Isaiah 40:11** He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom. He will gently lead those who have their young.

**Matthew 11:29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls.

**Mark 6:34** Jesus came out, saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

**John 6:51** I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**John 4:14** but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.

### **Notes:**

**ra`ah, raw-aw'**; (Excerpt from Strong's definitions): to tend a flock; i.e. pasture it; to associate with (as a friend): companion, keep company with, make friendship with, herdsman, pastor, shepherd

**Pastor:**([https://www.etymonline.com/word/pastor?ref=etymonline\\_crossreference](https://www.etymonline.com/word/pastor?ref=etymonline_crossreference)) ... from Old French pastor, pastur "herdsman, shepherd" (12c.) and directly from Latin pastor "shepherd," from pastus, past participle of pascere "to lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat," from PIE root \*pa- "to feed; tend, guard, protect."

\*pā-, Proto-Indo-European root meaning "to protect, feed."