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"Shepherd"
"…for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians." (Genesis 46:34)

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-14 – **(11)** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **(12)** He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. **(13)** He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
(14) I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,"

Matthew 9:36 – **"When (*Jesus*) saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."**

John 15:12-13 – **(12)** "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **(13)** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

The Shorn Shepherd

Exodus 3:1, 10 – **(1) "Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.**
(10) Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Psalm 77:20 – **"You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron."**

Acts 7:35-36 – **(35) "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. (36) This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years."**

God's Heart

Exodus 32:31-34 – **(31) "So Moses returned to the LORD and said, 'Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. (32) But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.'**
(33) But the LORD said to Moses, 'Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book. (34) But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you;

behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.'"

Self-Centered Shepherds

Ezekiel 34:1-4 – (1) "The word of the LORD came to me: (2) 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? (3) You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. (4) The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.'"

Zechariah 11:16-17 – (16) "For behold, I am raising up in the land a shepherd who does not care for those being destroyed, or seek the young or heal the maimed or nourish the healthy, but devours the flesh of the fat ones, tearing off even their hoofs. (17) Woe to my worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! Let his arm be wholly withered, his right eye utterly blinded!"

Sheep/Shepherds

Revelation 7:17 – "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

What's In It For Me – (WIIFM)

1 Peter 5:1-4 – (1) "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: (2) shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; (3) not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. (4) And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."

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