

Sunday, June 11, 2023

He Leads Me in Paths of Righteousness...

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David

1 the Lord is my **shepherd** I shall not want.

Psalm 74:1 (NKJV)

10 God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

Psalm 95:7 (NKJV)

7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

Psalm 100:3 (NKJV)

3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Ezekiel 34:11–15 (NKJV)

11 'For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God.

Psalm 79:13 So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will **show forth Your praise** to all generations.

Isaiah 42:10–12 10 Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise from the ends of the earth, You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, You coastlands and you inhabitants of them! 11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, The villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing. Let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the Lord, **And declare His praise** in the coastlands.

Isaiah 43:19–21 (NKJV)

19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. 21 This people I have formed for Myself; **They shall declare My praise.** Ephesians 1:6 **to the praise of the glory of His grace**, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:12–14 (NKJV)

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be **to the praise of His glory.**

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **to the praise of His glory.**

show forth Your praise: declare, announce, praise worthy deeds, to let something be known

... I shall not want: Psalm 34:7–10 (NKJV)

7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack and suffer

hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. **Psalm 84:11–12 (NKJV)**

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. **3** He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness **for His names sake.** Psalm 79:9 (NKJV)

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, **For Your name's sake!**

Ezekiel 20:13–14 (NKJV)

13 Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they despised My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them'; and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them.
14 But I acted **for My name's sake**, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought them out.

John 6:38–39 (NKJV)

38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

John 7:16–17 (NKJV)

16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. 17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

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verses 1-8 of chapter 10 Jesus is showing the truth of Himself and that of the religious leaders

The Book of John - The first 9 chapters are an introduction/proof of who Jesus is. If we look at just the two chapters before chapter 10 it's even more obvious. John 8:12 (NKJV)

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
John 9:1–7 (NKJV)

1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

so when we come to this chapter and Jesus is talking about being the Good Shepherd we can see and understand. Light and Sight John 10:6 (NKJV)

6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

John 10:7 (NKJV)

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.**

John 10:9 (NKJV)

9 I am the door. **If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved**, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10 is built on all the previous chapters of John by which Jesus origin and authority have been established

having come from God the Father to His own (v14): those who believe in Him as being sent from God;

those who believe in Him are His sheep

the blind man; Nicodemus; the woman at the well; the paralytic; the nobleman

Jesus speaks of being the Shepherd and the people being the sheep which are references from the old testament prophets

we have a unique perspective to see the old testament's treatment of the subject of The Shepherd and the previous chapters of the book of John show the intimate care the Savior shows to the truly humble people, wherever He goes

in Galilee of the Gentiles

John 4:25–26 (NKJV)

25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

26 Jesus said to her, **“I who speak to you am He.”**

& John 9:35–37 (NKJV)

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

37 And Jesus said to him, **“You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”**

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- Psalm 5:8–11 (NKJV)

- 8 **Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness** because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

- 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.

- 10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.

- 11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.

- Psalm 145:17 **The Lord is righteous in all His ways**, Gracious in all His works.

- John 3:6 (NKJV)

- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

- Psalm 89:14 (KJV). Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

- Psalm 97:2 (NKJV)

- 2 Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

- Psalm 45:7 (NKJV).

- 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

- Romans 8:14–17 (NKJV)

- 14 For as many as are **led** by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

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- Hebrews 1:9 (NKJV)

- 9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

- Psalm 40:7–10 (KJV 1900)

- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: In the volume of the book it is written of me,

- 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: Yea, thy law is within my heart.
- 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: Lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest. 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
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- Romans 3:21–23 (NKJV)
- 21 **But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed**, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 **even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Romans 1:16–17 (NKJV)
 - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”
- Romans 5:19–21 (NKJV)
 - 19 For as **by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners**, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - **John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Romans 5:17–19 (NKJV)**
 - **17 For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)**
 - **18 Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.**
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- Romans 5:9 (NKJV)
- 9 Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.
- Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**,
- Romans 8:3 (NKJV) 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,
- God is just in condemning sin in the flesh because He has made provision for the escape from wrath Hebrews 6:17–18 (NKJV)
- 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,
- 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.
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- 1 Peter 2:9–10 (KJV 1900)
- 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye **should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- Psalm 25:4–5 (NKJV)

- 4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. 5 **Lead** me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.