

How Does Jesus Treat His Sheep

The Goodness of God Series – Part 8

Psalm 23:4

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5 For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation. (TLB)



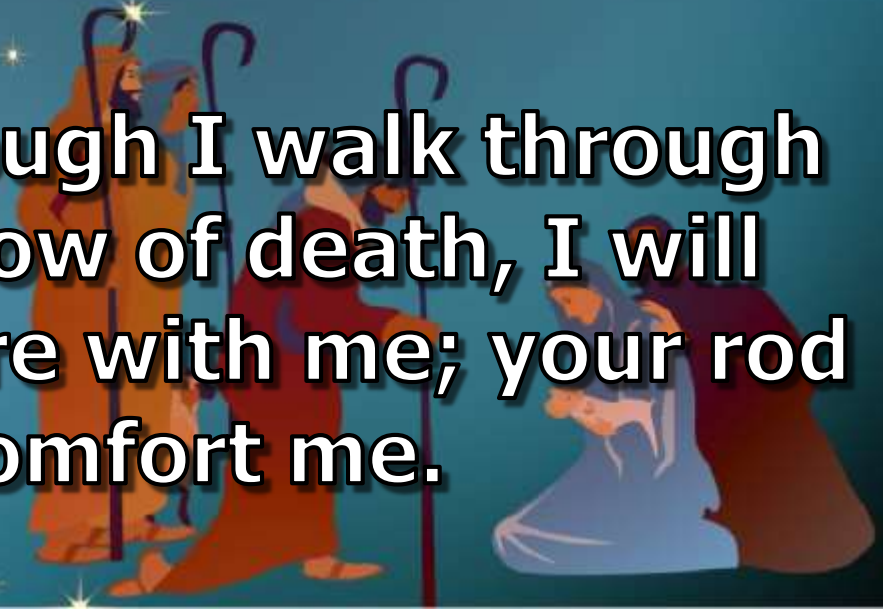
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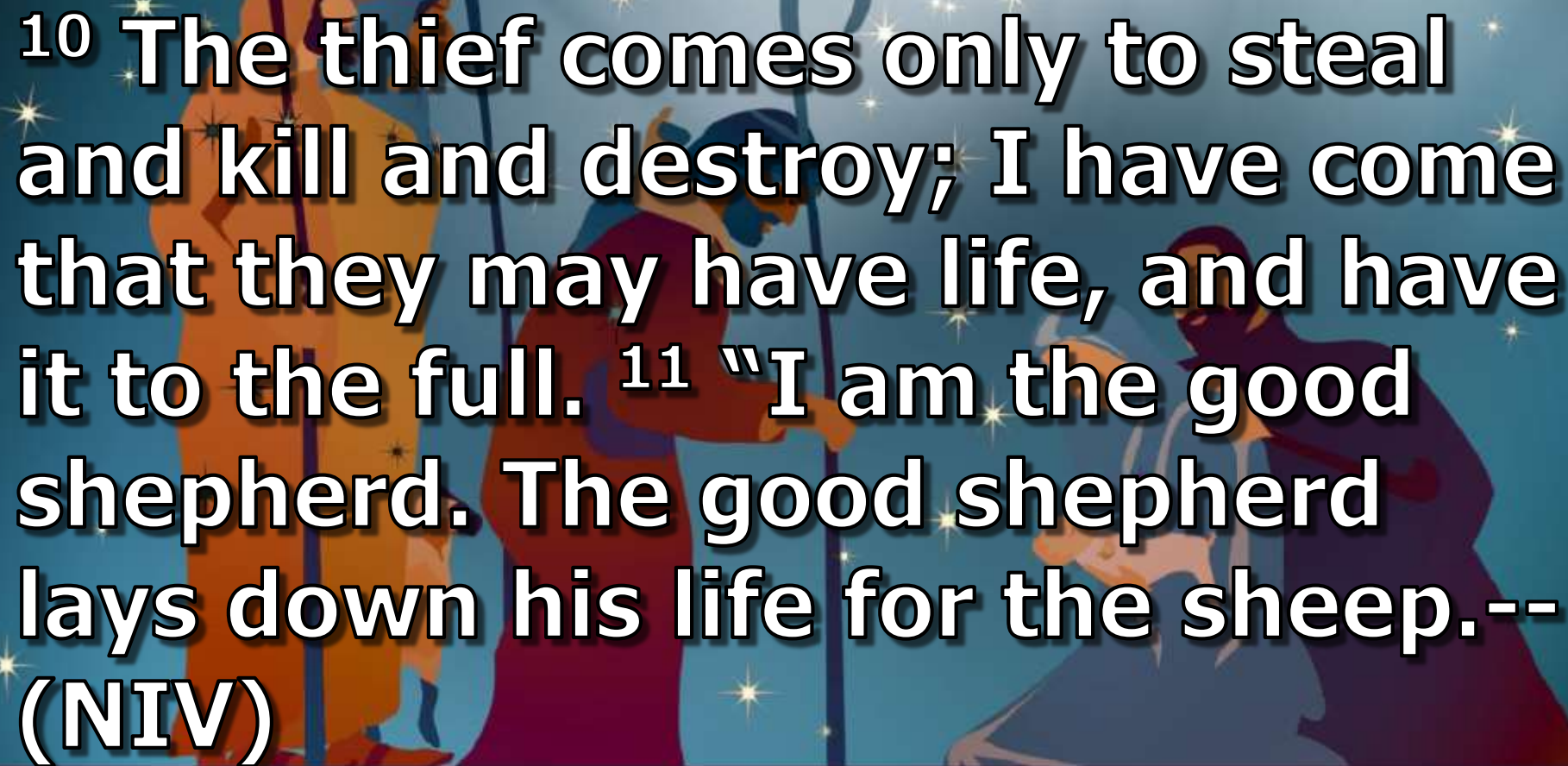
Psalm 23:1 ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:2 ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

Psalm 23:3 ³ He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:4 ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.



An illustration of shepherds and sheep at night. In the background, a shepherd in an orange robe stands with a staff. In the foreground, a shepherd in a red robe is shown from the back, tending to a sheep. To the right, another shepherd in a dark purple robe is visible. The scene is set against a dark blue night sky with many small, bright stars. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.-- (NIV)

John 10:10–11



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What Is A Rod and a Staff

**1. A Rod Is a tool for
Guarding and Protecting.**

**2. A Staff Is a Tool for
Guiding and Directing .**



What Are The Meanings of These Metaphors

1. The Rod Represents Power & Authority

2. The Staff Represents Care & Compassion



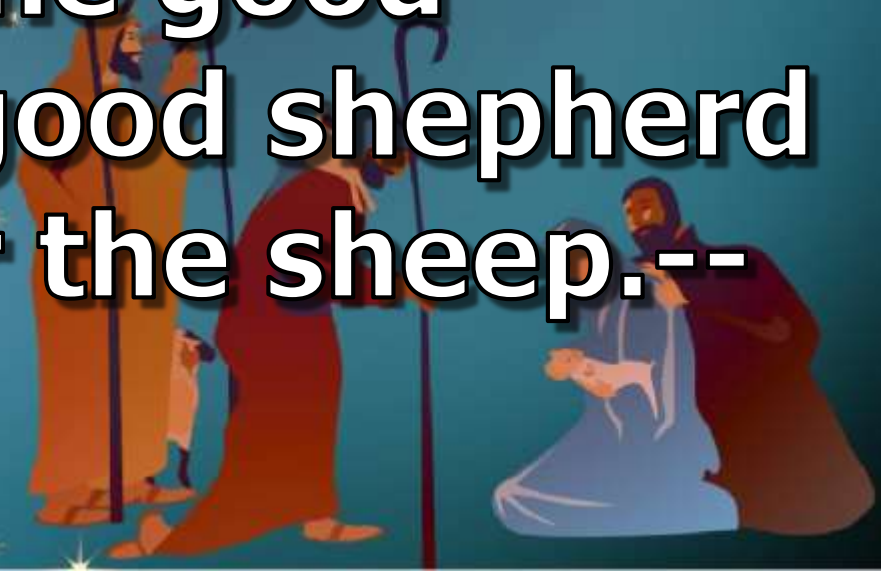
Hebrews 13:20b

**20 . . . our Lord Jesus, that
great Shepherd of the
sheep,-- (NIV)**



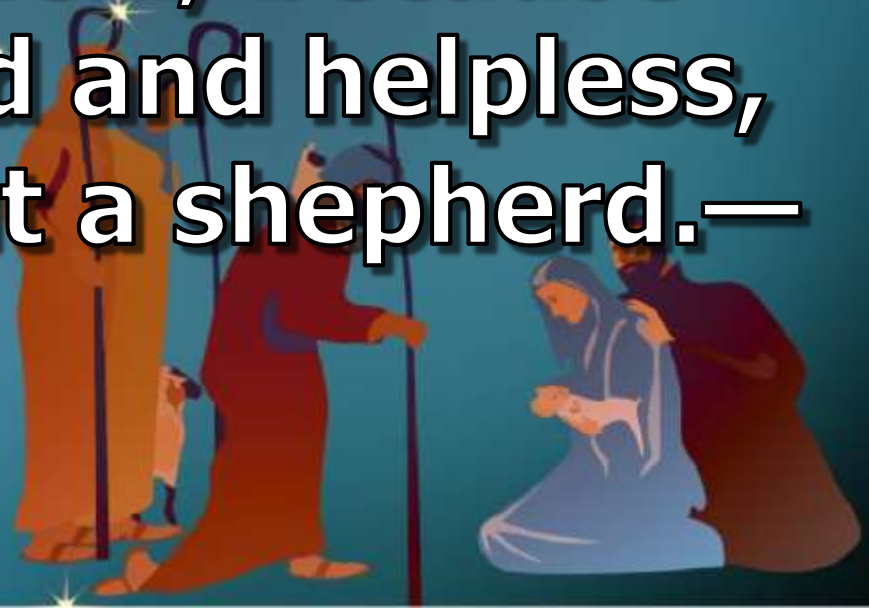
John 10:10b-11

**¹⁰ I came so that my sheep will have life and so that they will have everything they need. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.--
(GW)**



1. If I Bring Him My Hurts Jesus Shows Me Compassion.

**Matthew 9:36³⁶ As Jesus saw the crowds, his heart was filled with compassion for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.—
(TEV)**



**28 just as the Son of Man
did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give his
life as a ransom for many.”-
- (NIV)**

Matthew 20:28



2. If I Choose To Follow Him **Jesus Leads Me In The Right Direction .**

**Psalm 23:3³ he restores my
soul. He leads me in right
paths for his name's sake.--
(NRSV)**



⁴ He walks ahead of them; and they follow him, for they recognize his voice.-- (TLB)

John 10:4



**³ Your constant love is my
guide; your faithfulness
always leads me.-- (GNB)**

Psalm 26:3



3. If I Get Confused and Wander Off Jesus Finds Me & Brings Me Back

Matthew 18:12¹² "If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost?-- (NLT)



¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”-- (NLT)

Luke 19:10



What Does God Do To Keep You From Wandering?

Psalm 119:67–68 ⁶⁷ I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word. ⁶⁸ You are good and do only good; so train me in your principles.-- (NLT)



Discipline Is NOT Punishment

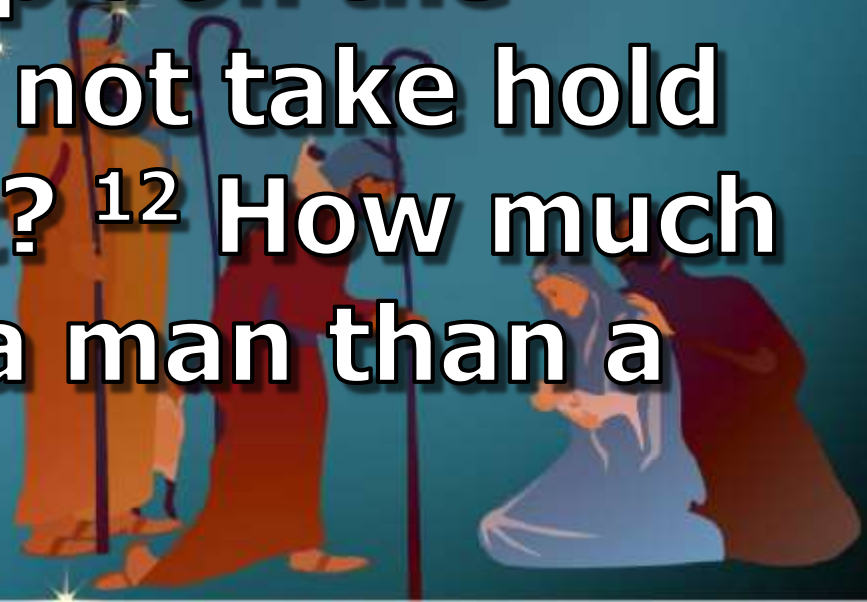
**Punishment is a
Penalty for the Past**

**Discipline is
Training for the Future**



4. If I Fail or Fall Jesus Rescues & Recovers Me

Matthew 12:11–12¹¹ He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a man than a sheep!”-- (NIV)



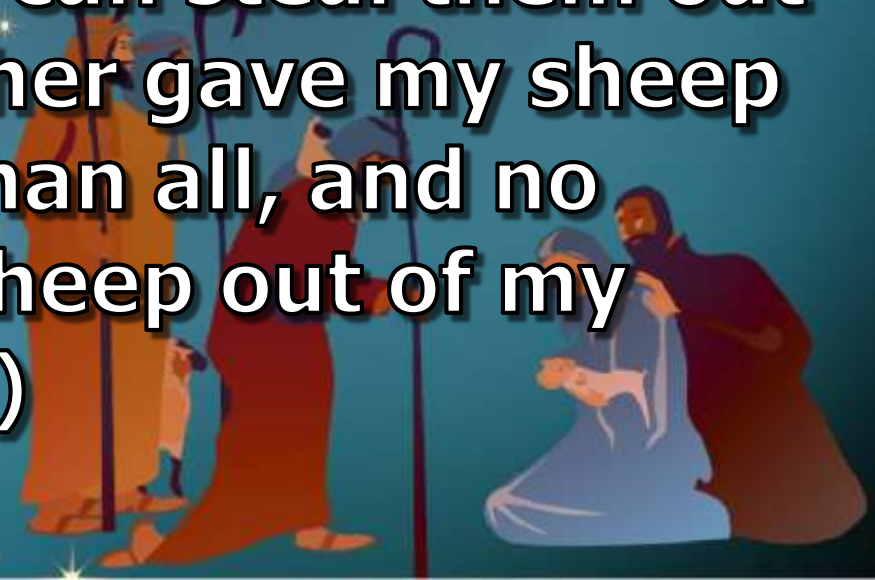
²⁰ You allowed me to suffer a lot, but you will bring me back from this deep pit and give me new life.-- (CEV)

Psalm 71:20



5. If I Trust Him to Save Me Jesus Keeps Me Saved.

John 10:27–29²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never die, and no one can steal them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father gave my sheep to me. He is greater than all, and no person can steal my sheep out of my Father's hand.-- (NCV)



2 Peter 1:3

³ Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him.



