

My Great Shepherd Pt. 1

Jehovah Rohi = "The LORD is My Shepherd"

¶ Psalm 23:1 (NIV84) "The Lord is my shepherd..."

1. Sheep are **dumb**.

2. Sheep are **dirty**.

¶ 1 John 1:8–10 (ESV) "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

3. Sheep are **defenseless**.

My Shepherd **SUPPLIES** me.

¶ Psalm 23:1 (NIV84) "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."

¶ Matthew 6:31–33 (NLT) "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

My Shepherd **RESTORES** me.

¶ Psalm 23:2a (NIV84) "He makes me lie down in green pastures."

¶ John 1:3 (NIV84) "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made."

¶ Exodus 23:12 (Msg) "Work for six days and rest the seventh so your ox and donkey may rest and your servant and migrant workers may have time to get their needed rest."

¶ Psalm 127:2 (NASB) "It is vain for you to rise up early, To retire late, To eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep."

My Shepherd **LEADS** me.

¶ Psalm 23:2–3 (NIV84) "...He leads me beside quiet waters,³ He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

¶ Isaiah 53:6 (NIV84) "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

¶ Matthew 18:12–13 (NIV84) "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?¹³ And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off."

¶ John 10:27–28 (NIV84) "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

Digging Deeper: When you think about the characteristics of sheep, which one best describes your current condition? In what ways has God met your needs? Are you currently wondering how God will meet a specific need? Has God ever made you lie down? Do you listen to Jesus and follow Him daily? What does God want you to do or change today?

