



# Word Study on "Shepherd"

**Shepherd** – a person who tends and rears sheep

## Scripture Word Study: *Shepherd* (Psalm 23 & John 10)

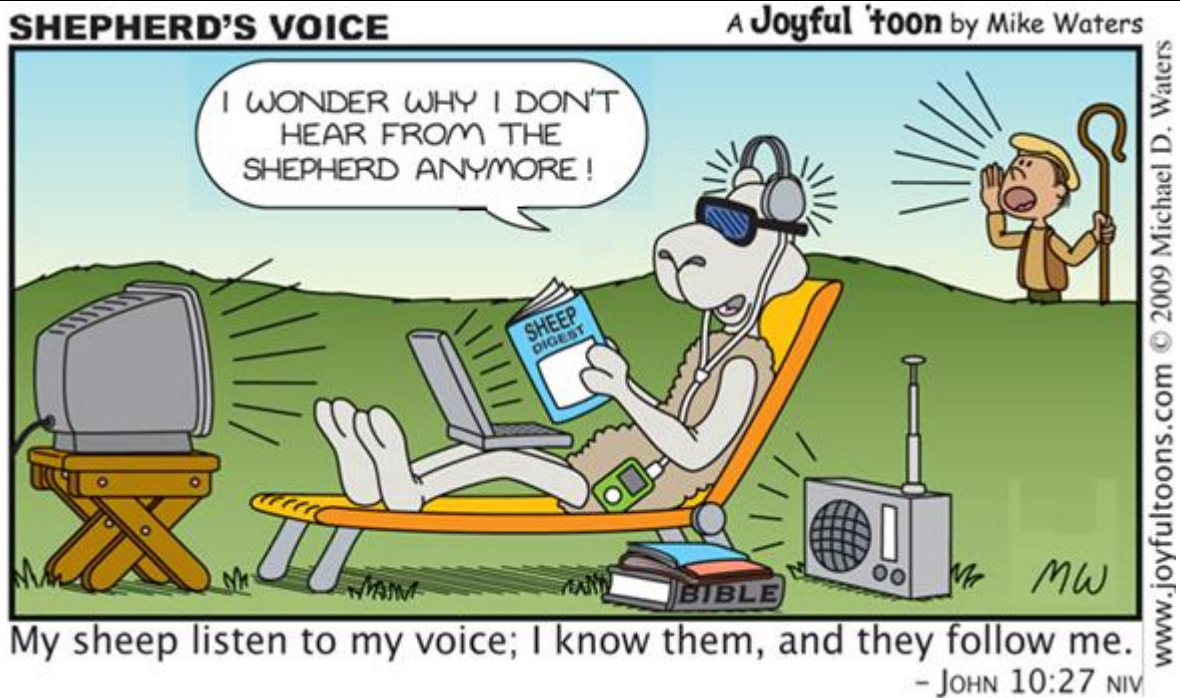
Please read the following passages and answer the associated questions.

- (1) Psalm 23:1-3 Who is the shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Psalm 23:4-6 What gives comfort? \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) 1 Peter 5:1-4 Unfading crowns of glory will be given when who appears? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Psalm 28:8-9 What does the psalmist ask the Lord to be? \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Psalm 80:1 Who does the psalmist call "Shepherd of Israel" \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Matthew 2:4-6 What will the Messiah do to God's people, Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) Matthew 25:31-33 What will the Shepherd do? \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) John 10:1-6 Who recognizes the Shepherd's voice. \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) John 10:7-10 What did Jesus come to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) John 10:11 Who is Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) John 10:12-18 Who does Jesus lay down his life for? \_\_\_\_\_
- (12) John 10:16 Who are the "sheep not of his fold?" How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

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----- "SHEPHERD" POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

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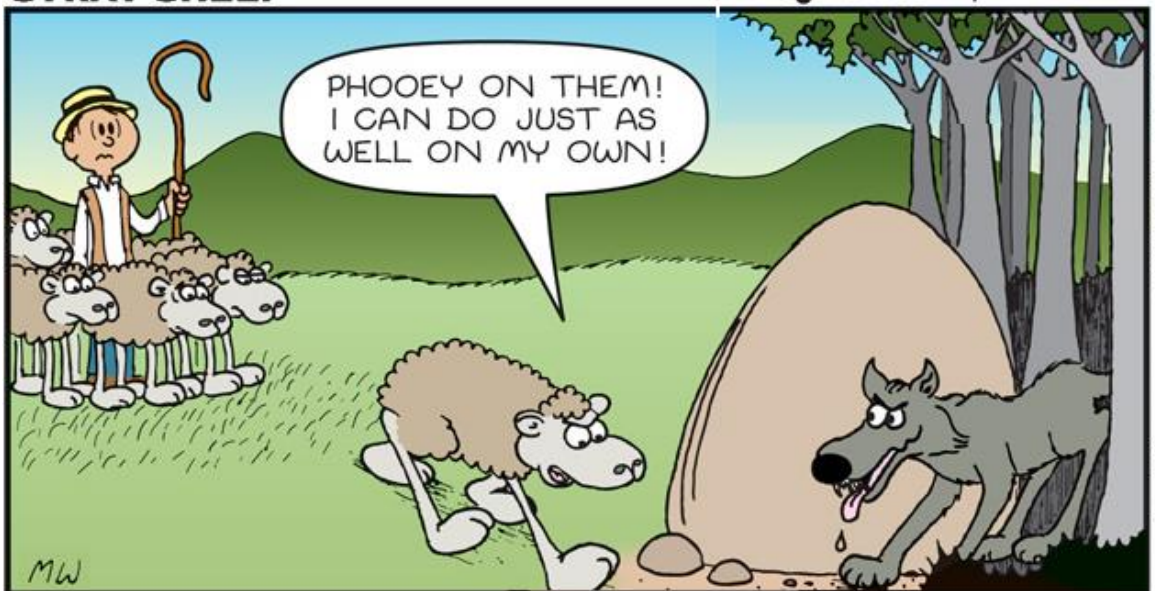
- (1) Psalm 23:1-3 Who is the shepherd? The Lord
- (2) Psalm 23:4-6 What gives comfort? The rod and staff of the Shepherd
- (3) 1 Peter 5:1-4 Unfading crowns of glory will be given when who appears? The Chief Shepherd
- (4) Psalm 28:8-9 What does the psalmist ask the Lord to be? Their shepherd
- (5) Psalm 80:1 Who does the psalmist call "Shepherd of Israel" God (vs. 3)
- (6) Matthew 2:4-6 What will the Messiah do to God's people, Israel? Shepherd them
- (7) Matthew 25:31-33 What will the Shepherd do? Separate the good and the bad
- (8) John 10:1-6 Who recognizes the Shepherd's voice. His Own sheep
- (9) John 10:7-10 What did Jesus come to do? Give abundant life
- (10) John 10:11 Who is Jesus? The Good Shepherd
- (11) John 10:12-18 Who does Jesus lay down his life for? His sheep
- (12) John 10:16 Who are the "sheep not of his fold?" How do you know? Based on Acts 10 & 11, I believe it is talking about the Gentiles. I've heard people try to use this passage to "prove" the existence of alien beings on other planets. The gentiles seem like a much more likely explanation. He doesn't call them "sheep" in Acts 10 and 11, but He does make it clear, Jesus Christ is for everyone.

**For further thought:**

- [13] Matthew 9:36 & Mark 6:34 reveal something about the way Jesus looks at people. What?
- [14] Matthew 26:31 & Mark 14:27 are from what Old Testament prophet? What does it mean?
- [15] In John 21:15-17 What is the relationship between shepherding and loving?
- [16] Acts 20:25-35 How much of this are you practicing?
- [17] Hebrews 13:20 Who does the writer say is the great Shepherd of the sheep? So what?
- [18] 1 Peter 2:21-25 Are you fulfilling the purpose for which you were called?
- [19] 1 Peter 5:1-4 How does this compare to the leaders of your church? (or you, if you are a leader.)
- [20] Revelation 7:17 The Lamb will be their Shepherd. Is that kind of ironic? So what?

**STRAY SHEEP**

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Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.  
- HEBREWS 10:25 NIV