

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12 KJV



"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." Believers are watched over attentively by Jesus who said, "I am the Good Shepherd." He never sleeps. "He that keepeth thee will not slumber." If we know His Voice we will follow. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." You cannot know His Voice if you do not know God's Word, and you cannot follow what you do not know. You may think believing in God is enough. "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But, wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" If there is not the "fruit" of obedience in your life, you have no faith. The faithful obey the Word of God to the best of their ability and, while they may yet sin, sin holds no dominion over them. The ungodly are not so. They only point out the sins of believers to justify themselves in their own eyes for they have no desire at all to forsake sin! The true believer finds sin a toilsome burden. In Christ, the Truth, we find rest unto our souls. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Christ will never leave us nor forsake us. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He will lead us beside still waters that we might peacefully drink. "He leadeth me beside the still waters." The pastures of His choosing are best for grazing. "Thou preparest a table before me." The faintest bleat is instantly attended. His fold is safe from thieves and wolves, because He is the Door. He said, "I am the Door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." Since Jesus is "the Word" and "the Door," He not only provides security but sustenance as well! The Life of the Shepherd is the life of the flock, and without Him they are helpless and wander away to perish in the mountains of doubt and despair. He is never so earnest as when He seeks for a lost one. Jesus left the portals of eternity to "seek and to save that which was lost." He knows each by name and they follow Him. "His ears are open to their prayers." He "knoweth what things [they] have need of, before [they] ask him." Believers are safely kept in the palm of His Hand. "I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my Hand [and] underneath are the Everlasting Arms." He knows the beginning from the end and is never caught off guard. His provision knows no bounds, and His Love no limit! There is no sacrifice too great for His Flock. "The Good Shepherd giveth his Life for the sheep."

There is no saint that ever spoke,
That does not Father's ear provoke,
He knows the name of ev'ry child,
And keeps them safe from ev'ry wild. ~CGP

Every intent, thought, and word is open to God. "God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Each child that cries out commands His immediate attention. You are never alone, dear Believer. If you find yourself alone, it is not the Shepherd who strayed! If you disobey God's Word, you will find no provision or protection! "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." You will reap!

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6 KJV