

Weekly Devotions: GOD IS SOVEREIGN 10

Yahweh is my Shepherd

The bible repeatedly describes the relationship between God and His people as, like a Father with His child and the Shepherd with His sheep. The Shepherd-sheep relationship emphasizes the attentive care of the divine Shepherd for His people and the dependence of His people on Him to meet all their needs.

The task of caring for the sheep is unending and the shepherd is inseparable from his sheep. He spends day and night with his sheep, in good weather and in bad weather, taking care of all their needs. He plays the roles of a provider, guide, protector and constant companion of his sheep. However, he is not the servant catering to their every demand but a figure of authority directing them what to do and where to go.

Read Psalm 23

David testified how Yahweh, the divine Shepherd, had been with him and cared for him in every aspect of his life. Yahweh was present even in his dark moments and had helped him to be at rest. Yahweh had blessed him abundantly and David was confident that with Yahweh as his Shepherd, he will not be in want.

Though many of us profess that “The Lord is my Shepherd”, we do not yield our lives to Him, listen to His direction or depend on Him to meet our needs. For Yahweh to be our Shepherd, we must first belong to His flock. We must also be contented with what the Shepherd provides for us and look to the Shepherd to give us what we need instead of putting our trust in ourselves or others. Finally, we must be ready to follow Him wherever He leads us. Yahweh wants to be your Shepherd but do you want to be His sheep?

Questions to ponder

1. How did Yahweh, the divine Shepherd, take care of David? How has Yahweh been your Shepherd?
2. There are sheep that wander away from the flock and get into danger or problems. Some of us are like sheep that wanders off on their own. What are some reasons why we move away from the divine Shepherd and His flock?
3. For Yahweh to be your Shepherd, you must be ready to yield your life to Him. What does it mean for you to submit to the authority and ownership of the Divine Shepherd?