

Shepherds According to God's Heart

Monday 12/14

Jer. 3:15

15 And I will give you shepherds according to My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding.

Isa. 40:11

11 He will feed His flock as a Shepherd; In His arm He will gather the lambs; In His bosom He will carry them. He will lead those who are nursing the young.

Ezek. 34:11

11 For thus says the Lord Jehovah, I Myself, even I, will search for My sheep and seek them out.

Matt. 9:36

36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.

Psa. 23:4-6

4 Even though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death, I do not fear evil, For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, They comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me In the presence of my adversaries; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me All the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah For the length of my days.

John 10:2-4

See Wednesday

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations - Week 11, Day 1*

Corporate Reading of "The Mystery of Christ" Chapter 1 – Sections: *The Mystery Of Christ; The Mystery Hidden In The Ages; One New Man; What Is The New Man?*

Tuesday 12/15

Ezek. 34:13-14, 12, 15, 23-24

13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the streams and in all the inhabited places of the land.

14 I will feed them with good pasture, and their dwelling place will be upon the mountains of the heights of Israel; there they will lie down in a good

dwelling place, and on rich pasture they will feed upon the mountains of Israel.

12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day when he is among his sheep which are scattered, so I will seek out My sheep; and I will deliver them from all the places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

15 I Myself will shepherd My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah.

23 And I will set up over them one Shepherd, My Servant David, and He will feed them; He will feed them, and He will be their Shepherd.

24 And I, Jehovah, will be their God, and My Servant David will be a Prince among them. I, Jehovah, have spoken.

Psa. 133:1-3

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell in unity!

2 It is like the fine oil upon the head That ran down upon the beard, Upon Aaron's beard, That ran down upon the hem of his garments;

3 Like the dew of Hermon That came down upon the mountains of Zion. For there Jehovah commanded the blessing: Life forever.

Heb. 13:20-21

20 Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant,

21 Perfect you in every good work for the doing of His will, doing in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations - Week 11, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of "The Mystery of Christ" Chapter 1 – Sections: *The Church Being Christ; The Church Being The Corporate Christ*

Wednesday 12/16

John 10:10-11, 14, 2-4, 15, 17

10 The thief does not come except to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

14 I am the good Shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me,

2 But he who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

15 Even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

Heb. 13:20-21

See Tuesday

1 Pet. 5:4

4 And when the Chief Shepherd is manifested, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations - Week 11, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of "The Mystery of Christ" Chapter 2 – Sections: *The Body Of Christ; The Church Being The Body Of Christ; The Body Of Christ Being A Matter Of Life*

Thursday 12/17

1 Peter 2:25

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Psa. 23:1-3

1 Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest.

3 He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Matt. 11:28-30

28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Rev. 7:16-17

16 They will not hunger any more, neither will they thirst any more, neither will the sun beat upon them, nor any heat;

17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of waters of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of*

Jeremiah and Lamentations - Week 11, Day 4
Corporate Reading of "The Mystery of Christ"
Chapter 2 – Sections: The Body Of Christ Being;
The Consummation Of The Work Of The Cross

Friday 12/18

John 21:15-17

15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.

16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.

17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

Acts 20:28, 31

28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

31 Therefore watch, remembering that for three years, night and day, I did not cease admonishing each one with tears.

1 Thes. 2:7-8, 11-12

7 But we were gentle in your midst, as a nursing mother would cherish her own children.

8 Yearning in this way over you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own souls, because you became beloved to us.

11 Just as you know how we were to each one of you, as a father to his own children, exhorting you and consoling you and testifying,

12 So that you might walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

2 Cor. 12:15

15 But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?

1 Pet. 5:2

2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly,

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according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations - Week 11, Day 5*
Corporate Reading – no reading today.

Saturday 12/19

Luke 15:4-5

4 Which man of you, who has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

5 And when he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Matt. 9:12-13

12 Now when He heard this, He said, Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill.

13 But go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

1 Tim. 1:5,14-15, 17, 19

5 But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and out of a good conscience and out of unfeigned faith;

14 And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

15 Faithful is the word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.

17 Now to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Holding faith and a good conscience, concerning which some, thrusting these away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;

Eph. 4:16

16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations - Week 11, Day 6*
Hymns, #1068

Lord's Day 12/20

Jer. 23:1-4

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the

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sheep of My pasture, declares Jehovah.

2 Therefore thus says Jehovah the God of Israel concerning the shepherds who shepherd My people, You have scattered My flock and driven them away and have not visited them; I will visit upon you the evil of your deeds, declares Jehovah.

3 Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.

4 And I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they will no longer fear or be dismayed, nor will any be missing, declares Jehovah.

Ezek 34:25-31

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish evil beasts from the land, so that they will dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there will be showers of blessing.

27 And the trees of the field will yield their fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure in their land; then they will know that I am Jehovah, when I break the bars of their yoke and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28 And they will no longer be prey to the nations, nor will the beasts of the earth devour them; but they will dwell securely, and no one will make them afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a planting place of renown, and they will no longer be consumed with famine in the land and no longer bear the disgrace of the nations.

30 Thus they will know that I, Jehovah their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people, declares the Lord Jehovah.

31 And you are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God, declares the Lord Jehovah.

Further Reading

Life-Study of Ezekiel msg. 16
Life-Study of Jeremiah, msgs. 6-7, 19
Life-Study of John msgs. 22, 49

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