**R1011 Rumination for June 9, 2024**

The **T**heme:**The Lord is ﻿my shepherd** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *The Lord is ﻿my* ***S****hepherd* Psa. 23:1

The **T**hots:

1. **Jesus, the Shepherd –** *I am ﻿the good* ***S****hepherd: the good* ***S****hepherd ﻿giveth His life for the* ***S****heep.* Jn. 10:11
2. The Sheep in His **F**old (Sheep-pen) – Israel, the Jews.

But they are Lost ﻿– Israel is a **S**cattered **S**heep; Jer. 50:17

1. *But go rather to the ﻿lost sheep of the house of Israel.* Mt. 10:6
2. *But He answered…I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* Mt. 15:24
3. However, He has other Sheep not of this **F**old (Sheep pen) – the Gentiles (non-Jews). Jn. 10:16a, NIV

*I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.*

1. His **S**pecial **S**heep in the **F**lock – Jews and Gentiles in the **C**hurch, in **C**hrist Jesus, the **S**hepherd.

*They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be* ***one*** *flock and* ***one*** *shepherd.* Jn. 10:16b, NIV

1. Cf. *For ﻿by* ***one*** *Spirit are we all baptized into* ***one*** *body, ﻿whether we be Jews or ﻿Gentiles, ﻿*

*whether we be bond or free; and ﻿have been all made to drink into ﻿****one*** *Spirit.* I Cor. 12:13

1. Cf. *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female,*

*for you are* ***all one*** *in Christ Jesus.* Gal. 3:28

1. Cf. The Sovereign Lord declares, there will be **O**nly **O**ne Shepherd-

“*I will gather* ***still******O****thers to them besides those already gathered*. Isa. 56:8

 *I will place* ***O****ver them* ***O****ne shepherd, My servant David, and He will tend them.* Cf. Eze. 34:23, 24

1. **Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Jn. 10:11, 14**
2. The Sheep’s **S**alvation through Him. Jn. 10:11

*I am ﻿the* ***Good Shepherd****: the* ***G****ood* ***S****hepherd ﻿giveth His life for the sheep.*

1. The Sheep’s **S**afety in Him *– I am the* ***G****ood shepherd, and ﻿know My sheep, and am known of Mine.* 10:14
2. The Sheep’s **S**ecurity in Him. Psa. 23:2, 3

*﻿He maketh me to lie down in ﻿green pastures: He leadeth me beside the ﻿still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:﻿He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ﻿for his name’s sake.*

1. **Jesus, the Great Shepherd. Heb. 13:20**

*Now ﻿the* ***G****od of peace, ﻿that ﻿brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that* ***Great ﻿Shepherd*** *of the sheep…*

1. He had **C**onquered Death – ﻿*O death, where is thy sting? O ﻿﻿grave, where is thy victory?* I Cor. 15:55
2. He will **C**ompany me through Death – *Yea, ﻿though I walk through the valley of ﻿the shadow of death, ﻿*

*I will fear no evil: ﻿for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

1. **Jesus. the Chief Shepherd.** **I Pet. 5:4**

*And when ﻿the* ***Chief Shepherd*** *shall appear, ye shall ﻿receive ﻿a* ***C****rown of* ***G****lory ﻿that fadeth not away.*

1. There are **U**nder- **S**hepherds in the Local Church – they are the Church Elders (**L**eaders):
2. Peter was **O**ne – *The elders which are among you I exhort, who am ﻿also an elder…* 5:1

Peter’s **C**ommission: Jn. 21:15

*Jesus saith to Simon Peter, ﻿Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me ﻿more than these?*

*He saith unto Him, Yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him,* ***Feed My lambs***

1. There were **O**thers besides; they too had their **C**ommission: Acts 20:28

*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all ﻿the flock,* ***over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you ﻿overseers****, ﻿*

1. They are to **F**eed the **F**lock - *feed the church of God, which He hath ﻿purchased ﻿with His own blood.*
2. They are to **F**end for the **F**lock – Acts 20:29, 30

*I know this, that after my departing shall ﻿grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*

*Also ﻿of your own selves shall men arise, speaking ﻿perverse things, to draw away ﻿disciples after them*

1. They are **U**nder the **S**upreme authority of the Chief Shepherd, their Lord. I Pet. 5:1-4
2. Their **D**igni**ty** and **D**istinction - *The elders…among you I exhort, who am also an elder* 5:1b
3. Their Plurali**ty** and Equali**ty** - *The elder****s*** *among you, I appeal as a fellow elder* 5:1b, NIV
4. Their Du**ty** and Responsibili**ty** to the **S**hepherd and the **S**heep – 5:2

*Feed the flock of God ﻿which is among you, ﻿taking the oversight thereof…*

1. They are to be **L**oving **L**eaders and not **L**ords - *﻿not by constraint, but willingly;* 5:2b

*Neither as ﻿﻿being lords over ﻿God’s heritage, but ﻿being ﻿ensamples to the flock.* 5:3

1. Not to **E**nrich themselves but to be **E**xamples to the Flock: 5:2b, 3

***N****ot for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind… being ensamples to the flock.*

1. They will **R**eceive their **R**eward from the Lord Himself – 5:4

*And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

**Points To Ponder:** *Jesus is the Shepherd, Guess who I Am?*

 *Such a Lovely Secret, I’m His little lamb.*