**R1040A Rumination for January 05, 2025** (Continued from Dec. 29, 2024)

The **T**heme: **Jesus Our Good Shepherd (Cont’d)** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *﻿* *I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.* Jn. 10:14

**The Thots:** Recapitulation: For this New Year, Let Us Seek to Know… See R1040

1. **The Perfect Person of the Shepherd -** *I am the Good Shepherd*
   1. **The Professional Shepherd –** He is **P**ictured after the **O**riental Shepherd:[**10:14-15**](about:blanksteplinkto4%2043%2010:14-43%2010:15)
      1. He **P**ossesses us – He knows our **B**irth, our **B**eing and our **B**attles in life. “*Thou art with me*”, Psa. 23:4
      2. He **P**rovides for us – *The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (be in want)* Psa. 23:1, 2, 3, 5
      3. He **P**rotects us – *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:* Psa. 23:5a
   2. **The Personal Shepherd –** He **P**roclaimed Himself as the **O**nly Good Shepherd. ***I am******the*** *Good Shepherd*
      1. He is the ***Good*** **S**hepherd to **K**now His **S**heep as **S**inners, **S**aints and even as **S**liders. Jn.10:14
      2. He is the ***Great*** Shepherd to **K**indle in us to be His **S**anctified **S**ervants. Heb. 13:20
      3. He is the ***Chief*** Shepherd to **R**eward His faithful under-**S**hepherds when He **R**eturns. I Pet. 5:2-4
2. **The Perfect Perception of the Shepherd - Jn. 10:14**
   1. The Shepherd **K**nows us – ***and I******know*** *Mine own and Mine own* ***know*** *Me* 
      1. The **C**omparison: - Thus, the Father and the Son are One – ﻿***I and My Father are one.*** Jn. 10:30 cf. 29
      2. The **C**omfort – He knows us even as the Father knows Him…
   2. We **K**now the Shepherd: *(I) am known of Mine…* Jn. 10:14
      1. The **I**llustration. *Even so know I the Father.* Jn. 10:15
3. Jesus **D**elights in **D**oing His Father’s Will. Psa. 40:7, 8a
4. Jesus **L**oves His Father’s **L**aw. Psa. 40:8b
   * 1. The **I**nstructions:
   1. **D**well in the land and trust in the ***Lord***. Psa. 37:3
   2. **D**elight yourself in the ***Lord***. Psa. 37:4
   3. **D**etermine to commit your **W**ay unto Him. Psa. 37:5
   4. **D**elight yourself in God’s **W**ord Psa. 40:8b
   5. **D**o His **W**ill in your life. Psa. 40:8a

- In the above **W**ays, we shall know our Shepherd!

1. **The Perfect Propitiation of the Shepherd -** *and I lay down My life for the sheep.* **Jn. 10:15**

* The **S**hepherd’s **S**ong Jn. 10:11-18
* The **S**ong’s Refrain, iterated 4 times, in various forms, as follows: - *I lay down My life for the sheep*
  1. ***The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep*. Jn. 10:11** (12-13)
     1. The **P**roclamation of the Shepherd *I am the Good Shepherd* Jn. 10:11-13

He is not a hireling that deserts the sheep to leave them to the wolf… 10:12-13

1. Because the sheep do not belong to him; he lets the wolf **C**atch them. 10:12
2. Because he **C**ares not for them. 10:12-13
   * 1. The **P**reparation of the Shepherd to lay down His life for the sheep. 10:14, 15
3. Because He is the **G**ood **S**hepherd…
4. He is prepared to **G**ive His life for the **S**heep, as they belong to Him.
   1. ***I lay down My life for the sheep.* Jn. 10:15** (14)
      1. The **P**roclamation of the Shepherd again. *I am the Good Shepherd*. Jn. 10:14, 16
      2. The **P**erception of the Shepherd. See #B above.
   2. ***I lay down my life, that I might take it again*. Jn. 10:17** (16)
      1. The **P**urpose: 10:16
5. To bring together other sheep not of this **F**old – the Gentiles
6. So that the two shall be one **F**lock – Jews and Gentiles
7. **F**orming one unity under one Shepherd and listening to only one voice.
   * 1. The **P**ossibility: because He lay down His life, and He took it up again. 10:17a
     2. The **P**roof: God loves the Good Shepherd. 10:17b
   1. ***I lay it down of Myself.* Jn. 10:18**
      1. It is the Father’s **C**ommandment, i.e. His authoritative prescription. [Gk. *entole*]
      2. It is Jesus’ own **C**ommitment
8. It is **V**olitional – *no man taketh it from Me*
9. It is **V**oluntary – *I have power to lay it down and power to take it again.*
10. It is **V**icarious – *the good Shepherd giveth His life* ***for*** *the sheep*
    * For the “**S**heep”, i.e. those who would accept Him.
    * For us in **S**ubstitution – “*for*” i.e. “*instead of*” the sheep.
    * In **S**urrender of His Life – *what more will He not give?*

**Points To Ponder:**

**The Father’s Commandment: Rom. 8:29-32**

*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,*

*how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

**The Son’s Commitment: Jn. 10:14, 15**

*The* ***G****ood* ***S****hepherd* ***G****iveth His Life for the* ***S****heep,*

What More will He not **G**ive us for our **G**ood this 2025?

***A Blessed and Fruitful New Year to all***