

GOD'S SON JESUS, OUR SHEPHERD

John 10:1-15

V. 2: “The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of His sheep.”

Dearest Jesus,

You are our Shepherd. We learned that You are the “implementer” (IMP-le-ment-or, meaning someone who achieves action) leg of the Triune God (see *Triune Wonder* devotion). You provide for everything we need. We’re busy romping and grazing all day, and come home when You call us by name. You lay Yourself down across the threshold of darkness to keep us safe overnight. You make us feel loved, protected, and secure. Thank You for comfortable, trouble-free lives.

“You’re welcome.”

We know that we’re better than sheep, because we’re welcome at the big house. When scared, we cry out to You—and watch You conquer the danger that threatened us. We know that the wolves’ and lions’ mouths pant, hoping to eat us for dinner. Would You lay down Your life to protect us, Lord?



“Certainly. Already done!”

We know that we all can’t be the brightest in Your flock, and thank You for your patience. You never seem to mind giving us many chances to understand the lessons of living right. You never do permanent damage when correcting our mistakes. Even in our rebellion, You’re gentle and forgiving. You fill our lives with wonder and goodness. Why are we so special to You, Lord?

“You are My chosen ones.”

We know that You tend sheep in other pens around the world, and are not jealous of them. You completely take care of us--totally. How can You tend to every lamb through every day and night?

“I am infinite.”

Sometimes another comes and leaning on the fence, calls out to us. He speaks softly, always tempting us towards something attractive. Sometimes it's hard to ignore that voice. What does he want, anyway?

“He wants to lead you away from Me and into sin. Don't listen to him, because he lies.”

Sometimes we see You returning a lost lamb to our pen. When we're too busy to notice danger, are we ever truly alone, Lord?

“Never!”

You lead us through terrifying times, too. When one of us is sick, You're right there. When one of us dies, You carry that lamb in Your arms. How can we remain calm during creepy times, Lord?

“I AM your peace.”

What does it mean that you're the gate, Lord? (John 10:7). Why would we leave? Where would we go? Thanks for answering some questions that we've been wondering about.

Love,

Your flock

“I AM the gate, or doorway to Heaven. You'll love it there. Won't you come and live with Me forever?”

Take Home Nugget

This letter may help you to understand Psalm 23 better.

Won't you claim the Lord as your Shepherd?

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