

The Lord is my Shepherd

+ He is the good Shepherd, so His care for me guarantees to me the best condition.

+ He is only one that can be always with me, everywhere, and in every condition. He supports, guides, comforts, and blesses me.

+ He knows everything about me; He also knows my heart and all my inner needs. He knows my heart and searches my reins, so He is the only one who is able to fulfill all my needs in due time and according to his abundance of love and grace.

+ **He is also, the Almighty** and everything in life happens according to His concoction and permission. Therefore, He is able to plan all things, and even transform evil and tribulation, to my benefit. (Romans 8)

+ **He is always faithful** to His responsibilities towards me, and never neglects or abandons me. Even when I am unfaithful to him at times, He always remains faithful to me (2 Timothy 2:13)

+ **His love to me is beyond description**, to the extent that He sacrificed Himself for my sake, surrendered Himself to death to rescue me from death and to grant me the Everlasting life which cannot be overcome by death.

+ **He seeks nothing for Himself**. But rather, He seeks the salvation of my soul, my freedom from any evil shackles, and the sanctification of my soul which qualifies me to inherit the Kingdom of God. He always seeks what is for my peace and what is beneficial to my present and future.

+ **He alone, is able to handle me under all conditions**, for He seeks the lost, brings back that was driven away, binds up the broken, and mends the wounded (Ezekiel 34). He rectifies the path of His rational sheep in their journey for salvation, leads them in His green pastures, quenches their thirst from his divine fountains, protects them from the devouring wolves and from the snares of the enemy, and guarantees for them delight, peace and stability.

In my loneliness, He takes care of me.

In my tribulations, He takes care of me.

In my need, He takes care of me.

In my journeys, He takes care of me.

In my sickness, He takes care of me.

In my failure or success, He still takes care of me and always leads me in the procession of His victory.

+ **How sweet is He this good shepherd and how lovely His care is for us!** Blessed is he who surrenders his life into His hands and lives according to His commandments. Blessed is he who takes Him as a partner in his life and be firm in His love throughout the journey and till the end.



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