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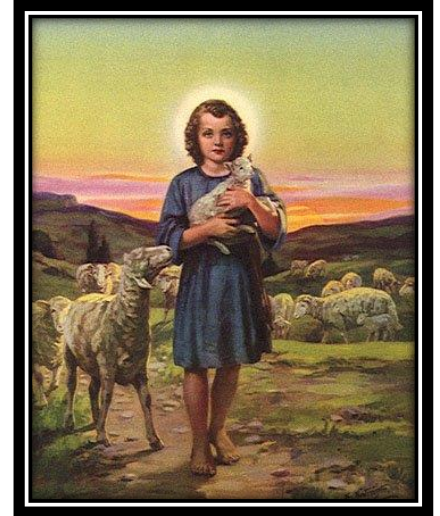
The Lord is my Shepherd

+ He is the Good Shepherd. Therefore, His care guarantees the best and utmost happiness for me.

+ He is able to be with me at all times, everywhere, and under any circumstances. He supports, guides, consoles, and blesses.

+ He knows everything about me, He also knows my heart, my inner needs, and searches my thoughts and my emotions. Therefore, He is the only one who can fulfill all my needs in due time according to His richness in the love and grace.

+ He is also the Almighty, and everything in life goes according to His providence and permission. Therefore, He is able to arrange everything for my benefit and for my good. He is also able to turn evil and hardships to my benefit. (Romans 8).



+ He is always committed to His responsibilities, and will never neglect or abandon me. Even though, at times, I may be unfaithful to Him, He always remains faithful to me (2 Timothy 2)

+ His love to me is indescribable, to the extent that He sacrificed himself for me. He delivered himself to death to rescue me from death, and to grant me eternal life that cannot be overcome by death.

+ He doesn't seek anything for himself. Rather, all He seeks is the salvation of my soul, my freedom from any evil bondage, and my sanctity which qualifies me to inherit the kingdom of God. He always seeks that which brings me peace and what is useful for my present and future.

+ He alone is able to handle with me in all circumstances, for He seeks the lost and brings back the one who was driven away, binds up the broken and strengthens the sick (Ezekiel 34:16) He guides His flock on the path of salvation, leads them in His rich and green pastures, and gives them water from His divine fountains. He protects them from the vicious wolves and from the snares of the enemy, and ensures happiness, peace and stability for them.



+ In my loneliness, He looks after me...

In my hardships, He looks after me...

In my need, he looks after me...

In my journeys, He looks after me...

In my sickness, He looks after me...

In my success or failure He also looks after me, and always leads me in His procession of victory.

+ How sweet is this faithful shepherd, and how delightful is

His care for me. Blessed is he who submits his life in His hands, walks according to His commandments, takes Him as a partner in his life, and abide in His love throughout the journey to the end.

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