

Jesus Christ Our Shepherd

1. God's name revealed to Moses

Ex. 3:13-15 "I AM"

2. When Jesus came He identified Himself as The Great "I AM" in numerous ways: "I Am" (a) "The Bread of Life"; (b) "The Light of the World"; (c) "The Way, the Truth, the Life"; (d) "The Manna that came down from heaven"; (e) "The True Vine" (you are the branches) and (f) "The Door of the sheep".

3. He also identified Himself as...

A. The Shepherd of the sheep.

1. "The Good Shepherd" **Jn. 10:11, 14**

2. "The Great Shepherd" **Heb. 13:20**

B. **Psalm 23** David understood God as our Shepherd and we as His sheep.

4. The shepherds of Israel were prophesied against by Old Testament Prophets. **Ezek. 34:1-5**

A. Jesus' compassion for the people.

Matt. 9:36; Mk. 6:34

B. Jesus as our Shepherd. **Jn. 10:2-5**

1. **Jn. 10:16** "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." I.E., we Gentiles

2. When Jesus returns... **I Peter 5:4**

Psalm 23

1. Psalm 23:1

A. "The Lord is my Shepherd" God must become very personable with each of us. "I shall not want". God will supply all our needs.

B. **Psalm 23:2** "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." He settles us when we are restless.

C. "He leadeth me beside the still waters." For peace and safety for the sheep.

D. **Psalm 23:4** "The valley of the shadow of death." Where wolves or other animals may be watching.

1. **Psalm 91:5-7** "I will fear no evil for thou art with me."

2. "Thy rod...and staff...comfort me. Our comfort. The Word of God and the Spirit of God.

E. **Psalm 23:5** "Thou preparest a table before me"

1. "In the presence of mine enemies." (Wolves, etc.)

2. "Anointest my head with oil." Keeping flies and insects away. **II Cor. 7:1; Phil. 4:8**

3. "My cup runneth over." He gives us more than enough.