**ECHOES: I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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**John 10:11-18 (AMP)**

**11**[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A1-18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-26493c)]I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A1-18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-26493d)]lays down His [own] life for the sheep. **12**But the hired man [who merely serves for wages], who is neither the shepherd nor the owner of the sheep, when he sees the wolf coming, deserts the flock and runs away; and the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters *them*. **13**The *man runs* because he is a hired hand [who serves only for wages] and is not concerned about the [safety of the] sheep. **14**I am the Good Shepherd, and I know [without any doubt those who are] My own and My own know Me [and have a deep, personal relationship with Me]— **15**even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father—and I lay down My [very own] life[sacrificing it] for *the benefit of* the sheep. **16**I have [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A1-18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-26498e)]other sheep [beside these] that are not of this fold. I must bring those also, and they will listen to My voice *and* pay attention to My call, and they will become [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A1-18&version=AMP#fen-AMP-26498f)]one flock with one Shepherd. **17**For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My [own] life so that I may take it back.**18**No one takes it away from Me, but I lay it down voluntarily. I am authorized *and* have power to lay it down *and* to give it up, and I am authorized *and* have power to take it back. This command I have received from My Father.”

**Jesus Comes to Relieve the Burdens and Carry Them Himself**

**Jesus Comes to Gather the Sheep, Not Scatter Them**

**Jesus Comes to Defend the Sheep, Not Devour Them**

**REFERENCE SCRIPTURES**

**Ezekiel 34:1-6 (AMP)**

And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **2**“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, the [spiritual] shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Woe (judgment is coming) to the [spiritual] shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? **3**You eat the fat [the choicest of meat], and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the best of the livestock, but you do not feed the flock. **4**You have not strengthened those who are weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bandaged the crippled, you have not brought back those gone astray, you have not looked for the lost; but you have ruled them with force and violence. **5**They were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the predators of the field. **6**My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock was scattered over all the face of the earth and no one searched or sought them.”’”

**Ezekiel 34:22-24 (AMP)**

**22**therefore, I will rescue My flock, and they shall no longer be prey; and I will judge between one sheep [ungodly] and another [godly].

**23**“Then I will appoint over them one shepherd and he will feed them, [a ruler like] My servant [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel+34%3A22-24&version=AMP#fen-AMP-21337a)]David; he will feed them and be their shepherd. **24**And I the Lord will be their God, and My servant David will be a prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

**Jeremiah 23:1-4 (AMP)**

“Woe to the shepherds (civil leaders, rulers) who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” says the Lord. **2**Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, in regard to the shepherds who care for *and* feed My people: “You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; hear this, I am about to visit *and* attend to you for the evil of your deeds,” says the Lord. **3**“Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries to which I have driven them and bring them back to their folds *and* pastures; and they will be fruitful and multiply. **4**I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,” says the Lord.

**Isaiah 40:11 (AMP)**

**11**He will protect His flock like a shepherd, He will gather the lambs in His arm, He will carry them in His bosom; He will gently *and* carefully lead those nursing their young.

**Numbers 27:15-19**

**15**Then Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, **16**“[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Numbers+27&version=AMP#fen-AMP-4571b)]Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation **17**who will go out and come in before them, and will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the Lord will not be as sheep without a shepherd.” **18**The Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; **19**and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before the whole congregation, and give him a commission in their sight.

**Micah 5:4 (AMP)**

**4**And He shall stand and shepherd *and* guide *His flock* In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall dwell [secure in undisturbed peace], Because at that time He shall be great [extending His authority], [Even] to the ends of the earth.

***ADDITIONAL NOTES:***