**R1040 Rumination for December 29, 2024** (to be Continued on January 5)

The **T**heme: **Jesus Our Good Shepherd** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *﻿* *I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.* Jn. 10:14

**The Thots:**

Intro.: As we come to the **C**onclusion of the **C**urrent year and the **C**ommencement of a new Year next Lord’s Day

the Thought that ***Jesus is our Good Shepherd*** is indeed a **C**omforting Theme to **C**ontemplate on.

Thus, this Thought will **C**arry on and **C**ontinue to the next Lord’s Day. For today, we shall **C**oncentrate on...

1. **The Perfect Person of the Shepherd -** *I am the Good Shepherd*
   1. **The Professional Shepherd –** He is **P**ictured after the **O**riental Shepherd:[**10:14-15**](about:blanksteplinkto4%2043%2010:14-43%2010:15)

**The Good Shepherd** has an intimacy with and personal interest in the sheep (cf. [vv. 3](about:blanksteplinkto4%2043%2010:3), [27](about:blanksteplinkto4%2043%2010:27))

*To him ﻿the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name,*

*and leadeth them out…* *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me*

* + 1. He **P**ossesses us – He knows our **B**irth, our **B**eing and our **B**attles in life. “*Thou art with me*”, Psa. 23:4

1. We are His **P**ossessed **P**ortion and inheritance – *For the Lord’s* ***P****ortion is His* ***P****eople;*  Deut. 32:9
2. We are His **P**rized jewels. Mal. 3:17

*And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, ﻿In that day when ﻿I make up My ﻿﻿jewels.*

1. We are His **P**earl of great **P**rice. Matt. 13:46

*Who, when he had found one ﻿pearl of great price, went and ﻿sold all that he had, and ﻿bought it.*

* + 1. He **P**rovides for us – *The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (be in want)* Psa. 23:1, 2, 3, 5

1. Making us to **R**est when we **R**efuse to do so for our good. *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.*
2. Leading us to **P**laces best for us to **P**ursue Holiness... *He leadeth me beside the still waters*
3. …and walk in **P**aths of **P**iety (Righteousness). *He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness*
4. Restoring us to good **S**hape of body, **S**oul and **S**pirit. *He restoreth my soul:*
   * 1. He **P**rotects us – *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:* Psa. 23:5a
   1. He is the **L**ion of Judah and the **R**oot of David to protect us from the **R**oaring **L**ion:

* *Behold, ﻿the* ***Lion*** *﻿of the tribe of Juda, ﻿the* ***R****oot of David, ﻿hath prevailed to open the book…*Rev. 5:5
* *﻿*Ct. *Be sober, ﻿be vigilant; because your* ***A****dversary ﻿the devil, ﻿as a* ***R****oaring* ***lion****, ﻿walketh about,*

*seeking whom he may devour:* I Pet. 5:8

* 1. He is the **A**dvocate to defend us against the **A**ccuser.
* *If any man sin, ﻿we have an ﻿****A****dvocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous:* I Jn. 2:1
* *The* ***A****ccuser of our brethren is cast down, ﻿which* ***A****ccused them before our God ﻿day and night.* Rev. 12:10
  1. He is the **S**hepherd who does not **S**lumber nor **S**leep.
  + *He will not* ***S****uffer ﻿thy foot to be moved: He that ﻿keepeth thee will not ﻿****S****lumber.* Psa. 121:3
  + *Behold, He that ﻿keepeth Israel shall neither ﻿﻿****S****lumber nor* ***S****leep.* Psa. 121:4
  + Ct. *Thy* ***S****hepherds ﻿****S****lumber, ﻿O king of Assyria: thy ﻿﻿nobles shall ﻿dwell in the dust* Nah. 3:18
  1. **The Personal Shepherd –** He **P**roclaimed Himself as the **O**nly Good Shepherd. ***I am******the*** *Good Shepherd*
     1. He is the ***Good*** **S**hepherd to **K**now His **S**heep. He knows us as **S**inners, **S**aints and even as **S**liders. Jn.10:14

*I am the good Shepherd, and ﻿know My sheep, and am known of Mine.*

* + 1. He is the ***Great*** Shepherd to **K**indle in us to be His **S**anctified **S**ervants. Heb. 13:20

*Now ﻿the* ***G****od of peace, ﻿that ﻿brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that* ***G****reat ﻿****S****hepherd of the* ***S****heep*

* + 1. He is the ***Chief*** Shepherd to **R**eward His faithful under-**S**hepherds when He **R**eturns. I Pet. 5:2-4

*And when ﻿the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall ﻿****R****eceive ﻿a crown of glory ﻿that fadeth not away.*

1. **The Perfect Perception of the Shepherd - Jn, 10:14**
   1. The Shepherd **K**nows us – ***and*** *I* ***know*** *Mine own and Mine own* ***know*** *Me*

*even as the Father* ***knoweth*** *Me, and I* ***know*** *the Father*

* + 1. The **C**omparison:

1. Only the Son has seen and knows the Father. Jn. 1:18
2. Only the Son can do what the Father does, for the Father loves the Son. Jn. 5:19, 20
3. Only the Son can give life even as the Father gives life. Jn. 5:21
4. Only Son can judge in the place of the Father. Jn. 5:22
5. Only the Son should be honoured, as the Father is honoured. Jn. 5:23
6. Only the Son has life in Himself as the Father hath life in Himself. Jn. 5:26

- Thus, the Father and the Son are One – ﻿***I and My Father are one.*** Jn. 10:30 cf. 29

* + 1. The **C**omfort – He knows us even as the Father knows Him.

To be Continued in Rumination 1040A January 6, 2025. In the Meanwhile…

***A BLESSED AND ABUNDANT NEW YEAR TO ALL.***

**P**oints To **P**onder: *Jesus is my* ***S****hepherd; I am His* ***S****heep. He will not* ***S****lumber nor* ***S****leep; I am ever under His Keep.*