



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Lydia and I send you our prayers and blessings during this sacred time of Easter. We love you and thank God for you. We want you to know how much your faithful partnership means to us and to the countless multitudes of people who are being saved, healed, delivered, and equipped through the Gospel of Jesus Christ on GODTV.

Easter is a sacred time and especially as we consider the price paid for our sins through the sacrificial Lamb of God and the freedom that comes with the forgiveness of sins.

The Good Shepherd became the Lamb of God. Think about that for a moment. God designed from the very beginning this model of shepherd and sheep. It was God who appointed Himself as our Shepherd and made us as His sheep. He gave Himself the responsibility of caring for us, leading us, feeding us, protecting and defending us and ultimately laying down His life for us. This theme of shepherd and sheep can be found from cover to cover in the Bible and when you fully understand this concept and get it in your spirit, you will be forever changed as in the case of my wife and I. In fact, we just finished a nine-part series on the 23rd Psalm on GOD TV where we dive into this very subject, and we encourage you to watch every programme if you have not done so already.

The Good Shepherd is the Lamb slain

As we celebrate this Easter and remember the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus

Christ, let us consider that [the lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world]-Revelation 13 is also [the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep]-John 10. Sin would require a perfect sacrifice, and only He, the Son of God, the Lamb without blemish could suffice for our ransom. Jesus was not playing when He said that He would lay down His life for His sheep and this is why we celebrate Him today, the Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd, the Saviour of the world, the one who paid our debt and freed us from the grip of death.

I can hear the Hymn now **"Jesus paid it all and all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, He washed me pure as snow."**

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This same sacrificial lamb who came back to life on the third day, continues to be our **Good Shepherd today** and the 23rd Psalm is more real to us now than ever before. This relationship of sheep and shepherd makes so much more sense when you grasp the concept and when you see how David as a shepherd boy had to learn to shepherd real sheep, before he would be ready to shepherd real people. When you see the similarities between sheep and people, you will be amazed and when you really understand that God Himself is our Shepherd, it will take you

PSALM 23

A psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my 'shepherd;
I have all that I need.
- 2 He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3 He renews my 'strength.
He leads me along 'right paths
in his name.

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to another level of knowing God. Consider David as shepherd- he spent time with the sheep and knew them. He knew individual characteristics about them. He Cared for them and healed them, fought off predators and defended them. He provided for the sheep, led them to streams to drink and green pastures to eat and sleep. He spoke and sang to them, played with them, searched for them when they got themselves lost. They learnt his voice. They knew him and he knew them. Our Shepherd is doing the same for us today. It is His job that He gave to Himself. In John 10, He Himself declares that He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for us, and who will never run away from danger or will never leave us. He knows His sheep and His sheep know Him. He calls His sheep by name and He leads His sheep. And in Luke 15- will leave the ninety nine to look for the one.

This Easter, Lydia and I would like to invite you (as we did ten years ago) to read the 23rd Psalm five times a day for seven days. Do it like you would take a prescription of medicine. Read it, memorize it and let it get deep into your spirit. Watch our Psalm 23 series and be encouraged as you get to know God Almighty as your Shepherd. He is the one who gave Himself the responsibility of caring for you, healing you, providing for you, leading you and protecting you. **He is the Good Shepherd** who knows you by

name and knows everything about you. He loves you to the point that He laid down His life for you and has promised to never leave you nor forsake you. He is the one who has prepared a place for you and has promised that goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life. Lydia and I go to this passage weekly if not more. Whatever we are going through, we immediately go to our Shepherd and remind Him of His promises. We no longer count sheep when we can't sleep but rather talk to our Shepherd. What this passage has done for us, we are confident will do for you also. May you experience this revelation this Easter and draw closer to Him as He reveals Himself to you in a fresh way. He is the Good Shepherd!

In closing, we once again want to thank you for your continued love and faithful support to the mission of GOD TV. Because of your generosity, lives are being transformed as the Good News of the Good Shepherd is broadcasted around the world.



***Every blessing
and happy Easter,***

Ward and Lydia Simpson

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