

Bible Class Notes – From John’s Gospel– Lesson 41

The ‘I AM’ Sayings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This week we continue lessons which teach the almighty saving power of Jesus Christ.

*Jesus said, “I am the good Shepherd;
the good shepherd giveth His life
for the sheep”. John 10 v11*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	John 10 v11-18 (I AM The Good Shepherd)	
Monday	John 10 v19-30 (My Father gave Me My ‘sheep’)	
Tuesday	John 10 v31-42 (Many believe in Christ as Saviour)	
Wednesday	Matthew 18 v1-14 (Rejoice! The lost sheep is found)	
Thursday	Psalms 95 (He is our God, we are His sheep)	
Friday	Ezekiel 34 v7-16 (Do not follow unfaithful shepherds)	
Saturday	Psalms 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd)	

Important Lesson for us Today:

Many scriptures liken us to sheep. *Sheep are rather silly animals who often wander away from safety into danger. One sheep will readily, thoughtlessly, follow another which reminds us of the danger of following others in the fashions, pleasures and entertainment of this sinful world. Once lost and in danger they cannot find their own way back to safety. The shepherd must rescue them.*

We, like them, need a Good Shepherd to rescue us and take care of us.

Many scriptures liken the Lord Jesus Christ to an eastern shepherd. *One who lived with, and cared for his sheep, knowing each of them by name. The shepherd’s sheep knew his voice, following him as he led them to green pastures and refreshing still waters. The Lord knows each of His ‘sheep’ by name. He died to save us and He calls us to repent our sin and follow Him.*

Have you heard His call to repentance, and faith? Have you been saved and rescued by Him?

This week’s hymn verses tells of The Lord Jesus Christ – The Shepherd of our souls: (438)

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| <p>3. Jesus my Shepherd is;
'Twas He that loved my soul,
'Twas He that washed me in his blood,
'Twas He that made me whole;
'Twas He that sought the lost,
That found the wandering sheep,
'Twas He that brought me to the fold,
'Tis He that still doth keep.</p> | <p>1. I was a wandering sheep,
I would not be controlled;
But now I love my Shepherd's voice,
I love, I love the fold.
I was a wayward child,
I once preferred to roam;
But now I love my Father's voice,
I love, I love his home.</p> |
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EDT Bible Class Take Home Sheet

Jesus Christ Said, ‘I AM the Good Shepherd’

- **The Eastern Shepherd – A Wonderful Picture of The Lord Jesus.**
 - Tough, courageous, resilient, capable – with their sheep all the time.
 - The Lord, as well as being The All-knowing, All-Powerful Creator God, is likened to a Good Shepherd Who loves, protects, and cares for His sheep.
- **What is The God of The Bible like?**
 - He is Unique – not like any man-made god of any man-made religion.
 - False gods have no kindness, love and mercy - no power to save a sinner.
 - The true God makes Himself known to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, as a Good Shepherd with loving care and feeling towards lost sinners.
- **The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep.**
 - When They Are:
 - **Lost** – He seeks us out, rescues us from danger, returning us to safety.
 - **Hungry** – He feeds us daily - spiritual food from His Word, The Bible.
 - **Diseased** – Our sin will bring death to us – He heals us, restores life.
 - **Injured** – We so easily go astray – He heals our wounds, comforts us.
 - **Devoured** – Satan hunts like a wolf - uses this World to steal us away.

The Lord, as our Shepherd, is much stronger than Satan – Victorious.

- **The Good Shepherd and His Loving Call.**
 - We must realise that we, like lost sheep, cannot find the Shepherd. The Lord Jesus must search us out and find us. **(See Luke 15 v4-5).**
 - Often we are far away in our unbelief and rebellion, but He will find us.
 - He calls us to believe that He died on the Cross to save us. We recognise His voice as He calls us to repent of our sin, and obediently turn from it.
- **Life Abundant for All Who Respond to the Call of The Good Shepherd.**
 - Once saved by The Good Shepherd you will discover Life Abundant:
 - Greater joy, happiness, fulfilment, satisfaction and peace with God.
 - Knowledge of good things along with better friends and pleasures.
 - Daily strength to live for your Saviour and witness to His goodness.
 - Completely confident in His promise that He will never leave you nor forsake you, knowing that no one can pluck you from His hand.
 - Enjoying the Lord’s Help, Protection, and Guidance, through this life.
 - One day He will take you, as promised, to His Eternal, Heavenly Home.

Isaiah wrote, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.”
Isaiah 53 v5 and 11