

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 2, 2017

“He Is...The Hebrew Names of God ~ Jehovah Rohi”

John 10:1-19

Names have _____–they give us a sense of _____; they root and _____ us.

“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.” (Proverbs 22:1)

The Hebrews were _____ people, wondering from place to place, seeking pasture for their herds of sheep, goats, and cattle. To sustain their livelihood, it was vital for shepherds to keep their animals from straying; _____ them from thieves and wild animals; and _____ them with plentiful pastures and clean water.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.” (Psalm 23:1)

God is the One who _____, protects, provides, and _____ for His people—like a shepherd for his sheep.

When we pray to Jehovah-Rohi, we’re praying to the One who _____ over us day and night, feeding us and leading us safely on the path of _____.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.” (John 10:11)

As God’s Son, Jesus takes on the _____ of Jehovah-Rohi, and calls Himself the “_____ Shepherd.”

He does this in direct contrast to the _____ and other religious leaders, who knew nothing about what it meant to _____ for God’s people.

The Pharisees were so caught up with _____ and regulations—with the letter of the _____—that they were unable to see the _____ that had just taken place.

Jesus responds to their _____ and spiritual _____ by accusing them of failing to _____ God’s people—failing to provide for their safety and security.

“A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep.” (Jn 10:12-13)

“You shepherds of Israel—should not shepherds feed the sheep? You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. Therefore you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord, I am against the shepherds.” (Ezekiel 34:1-10)

In their pride and _____—in their desire to maintain the status quo and safeguard their own _____—the Pharisees were unwilling to accept that Jesus, who stood before them, was Jehovah-Rohi.

If Jesus is the shepherd in John 10, then we are the _____.

“For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.” (Psalm 95:7)

3 REASONS WHY THIS IS A GOOD IMAGE

• **It puts us in our proper _____.**
It reminds us that Jesus is the _____ and we are the _____.
It reminds us how _____ we are on Him.

Sheep are _____ animals, and so are we. We all get knocked down in life; we all have hardships; we all experience fear; and we all fall _____ to something bigger than ourselves.

• **It reminds us that we need _____.**
Sheep are _____ animals, and so are we. We all need a _____—a place of warmth and _____.

And we all need a _____—family and community—where we find love and _____.

• **It reminds us that we are easily _____,**
We may think we’re in charge and make all our own _____, the reality is, we can be highly influenced by other _____ and the _____ around us.

JESUS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

#1. Jesus, our Good Shepherd _____ us.

“The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” (John 10:3)

Jesus calls us by _____; his voice is _____; and we need to _____.

Jesus calls us by name because He _____ us by name—He knows us _____ because He created us.

Everyday, we’re bombarded by countless voices calling us to follow, and as sheep who belong to the Good Shepherd, we need to learn to _____ His voice from all the others, so they we can follow Him and Him alone

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

How well do you know the Good Shepherd’s voice? How well do you hear it?

#2. Jesus, our Good Shepherd _____ us.

Jesus clears up the _____ and offers us _____ for our everyday lives.

“When He’s brought His own out, He goes on ahead of them and His sheep follow Him because they know His voice.” (John 10:4)

Notice, it says the shepherd _____ the sheep, He doesn’t _____ them, or walk alongside them. Jesus is always with us, however, He’s the One out in _____, leading us forward—not the other way around.

We can follow the Good Shepherd with _____ that there’s no situation we will encounter in life that Jesus hasn’t already _____.

“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

Jesus came to earth to experience everything that we experience—He’s already been there and done that—so He not only _____ with us and offers us comfort and strength, He can also show us the _____ through.

3 TOOLS THE SHEPHERD USES TO LEAD US

- A _____ was used to defend the sheep against an attacker. It was also used to keep the sheep from _____.

Has God ever done that for you—you were wondering away and He sent a rock ahead to warn you.

- A _____ with a spiked end was also used to defend the sheep against _____.

There’s nothing that can come into our lives that Jesus can’t _____ because He’s _____ than all our trials and challenges.

“Greater is He who is in us than He who is in the world.” (1John 4:4)

- A _____ to guide the sheep. Every moment of our lives, Jesus is checking us over, taking note of our hurt and pain, so that He can bring _____ and _____.

Who is out front in your life: you or the Good Shepherd? How closely are you following Him?

#3. Jesus, our Good Shepherd _____ His life for us.

In John 10:7-9, Jesus uses a the metaphor of a _____ to describe His relationship to the sheep.

“I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.” (John 10:7-9)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

Jesus meant this _____. He didn’t just lie down to provide a protective _____ for the sheepfold. He laid down His very _____ on the cross, to show us the kind of shepherd He really is.

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

Who are you going to follow?

Who are you going to trust as your shepherd?



Do I just know the Psalm or do I know the Shepherd?