

# April 23

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I recognize that the Lord has a tender and caring relationship with the people of God? Do I see myself as God sees me, as a beloved member of His flock? Do I recognize that the Lord guides me like a tender Shepherd guides one of His flock?

**1** **God is the Shepherd of His people** — *Psalm 79:13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.*

What insight does this verse give me about God's relationship to me?

What examples of God's tender care can I praise Him for?

**2** **I am a part of God's precious flock** — *Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

What message is conveyed by "little flock" versus my big flock?

Why does the enemy want me to think that God is uncaring and insensitive?

**3** **I am to seek the path toward a life of integrity that will spare me the consequences of a foolish lifestyle** — *Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.*

In what different ways does the Lord our shepherd "guide" us?

What impact have the consequences of sinful behavior affected how I live?

Spirit of Glory, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Luke 17:20-37

Evening: 2 Samuel 16, 17, 18