

January 26

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God has revealed Himself as a Shepherd to remind me that He is tender and loving? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one toward whom He only has tender and loving thoughts? Is my experience with other believers as a part of a flock or as part of a pack (a group of predatory animals)?

1 **The Lord is a Shepherd to His people** — *Isaiah 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.*

What insight into what God is like do I gain from this verse?

For what examples of God's care can I praise Him?

2 **I am one of the Lord's sheep and He knows me** — *John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

What do I gain by thinking of God as a gentle Shepherd Who watches over me?

Why does Satan want me to think of God as insensitive and uncaring?

3 **I am to seek out the company of wise individuals from within the flock** — *Proverbs 13:20 He that walketh with wise [men] shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

What examples are seen of my seeking out the counsel of wise individuals?

What areas of my life would benefit from having the wise counsel of others?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 17

Evening: Exodus 14,15