

July 13

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I understand that the Lord watches over me like a tender and loving Shepherd? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His cherished possession? Do I recognize my role in guiding and tending to the other members of the flock? Am I high impact and low maintenance or low impact and high maintenance?

1 God is a Shepherd to His people — *Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. 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 do I learn about God since He is pictured here as a Shepherd?

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

2 I am God's inheritance and a part of His flock — *1 Peter 5:3 Neither as being lords over [God's] heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*

What does it make me realize to know that I am God's cherished possession?

Why does Satan want me to think of myself as an abandoned stray?

3 I am to instruct others when appropriate as more mature believers are to teach younger believers — *Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children....*

Why is a mature believer more capable to help a younger believer?

What are the marks of spiritual maturity and which marks are in my life?

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

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 18

Evening: Psalms 7, 8, 9