

Door ... serves as an entrance, and as a form of protection

Sheep ... sheep flock together and tend to follow; (which can be for good or bad ... see Jeremiah 23:13-17) Sheep need a leader to guide and protect them; so do humans need shielding from harmful leaders. They need to follow caring leaders.

Shepherd ... a shepherd is one who leads, guides, tends, provides for the needs of, and protects his flock (*consider the descriptive actions in Psalm 23*)

Mat 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (*Jesus was being a good shepherd to His people*)

Mat 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, **like sheep having no shepherd.**

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.

Mat 10:6 But go rather to the **lost sheep** of the house of Israel.

Mat 12:9 Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

Mat 12:10 And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him.

Mat 12:11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one **sheep**, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?"

Mat 12:12 Of how much more value then is a man than a **sheep**? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Mat 12:13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

Mat 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Mat 18:11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

Mat 18:12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred **sheep**, and **one** of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?"

Mat 18:13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

Mat 18:14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

John 10:1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the **sheepfold** by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2 But he who enters by the door is the **shepherd of the sheep**.

John 10:3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and **the sheep hear his voice**; and **he calls his own sheep by name** and **leads them out**.

John 10:4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and **the sheep follow him, for they know his voice**.

John 10:5 Yet they will by no means **follow** a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

John 10:6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the **narrow gate**; for **wide is the gate** and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Mat 7:14 Because **narrow is the gate** and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

John 10:7 Then Jesus said to them again,

"Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep**.

John 10:8 All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the **sheep** did not hear them.

John 10:9 **I am the door**. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly**.

John 10:11 "**I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep**.

John 10:12 But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

John 10:13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and **does not care about the sheep**.

John 10:14 **I am the good shepherd**; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

John 10:15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the **sheep**.

John 10:16 And **other sheep** I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be **one flock and one shepherd**.

John 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

John 10:18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

John 10:24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

John 10:26 But you do not believe, because you are not of **My sheep**, as I said to you.

John 10:27 **My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and **they follow Me**.

John 10:28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.

John 10:30 **I and My Father are one.**"

John 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great **Shepherd of the sheep**, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
Hebrews 13:21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the **Shepherd** and Overseer of your souls.

Psalms 23:1 A Psalm of David. **The LORD is my shepherd**; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.