

A Shepherd's Touch

"Knowing God Deeper" part 4, from Psalm 23:1
Pastor Bob Johnson, May 9th, 2021

I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world.

John 16:33 (Msg)

Jehovah-Roi = "I am your shepherd"

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1 (NIV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

Psalm 23:1 (NLT)

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:11 (ESV)

... He gently leads the mothers of the lambs.

Isaiah 40:11 (NCV)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

John 10:11 (NLT)

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

What does a Shepherd do?

- **He P ...**

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

- **He P ...**

My only hope is in your love and faithfulness. ¹²Otherwise I perish, for problems far too big for me to solve are piled higher than my head.

Psalm 40:11-12 (LB)

God is your refuge and underneath you are His everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV)

(see also Psalm 121:2, Ephesians 6:1-3)

- **He P ...**

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
Psalm 23:2 (ESV)

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
Romans 8:14 (NLT)

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
Psalm 32:9 (ESV)

I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep. ... My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:14-15, 27 (NLT)

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. ²⁶When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.
Proverbs 31:25–26 (NLT)

- **He P ...**

(Ps. 119:71, Pv. 20:30)

Don't ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves ... remember that God is treating you as his own children. Whoever heard of a child who was never disciplined?
Hebrews 12:5-7 (NLT)

What should a sheep do?

1. **Re ...**

(Ps. 23:1)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.
John 1:12 (NLT)

2. **Re ...**

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
John 15:9 (NIV)

3. **Re ...**

Love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.
John 13:34-35 (LB)

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This Week's GPC Discussion Guide:

Welcome to the fourth week our 10 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Knowing God Deeper".

Each week we will reflect on one of the names of God found in the Old Testament. Each of these names are windows into an aspect of God's character.

The more we understand God's character, the deeper we can know God personally, increase our trust in Him and experience His peace.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Each week, we will be using the same set of questions as we focus in on the ten different names of God that will be the focus of this series.

Getting Started ...

In the last seven days or so, what has encouraged you (big or small) that we can rejoice with you over? ... and / or ... what has challenged you, stretched you, possibly brought some discouragement your way (big or small) ... that we can offer our support and prayers for each other?

Quick Review ...

Let's reflect on this week's name of God, "Jehovah-Roi" which means "I am your shepherd."

From Psalm 23 and the other passages from Sunday, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

What does the name “Jehovah Roi” mean to you personally?

Have you experienced the meaning of this name before?

If so, when? How did it impact you?

What thoughts came out of that experience?

What are some feelings, thoughts, questions or possible struggles that surface in you as you reflect on the meaning of this name?

What do you think God wants you to remember and live in light of about this particular name of God?

What are the needs and desires this name of God might meet in your life if you were fully able to embrace its truth in your heart?

Praying Together:

Let's be sure to spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.