

The Good Shepherd, The Lord God Himself

Ezekiel 34:11–22

1. *God's loving care for His people:* *Note the "I wills"*

1) "I will" find and deliver them:
A picture of being rescued from
the bondage of sin and death,
Gal 1:4; Heb 2:14-15; Isa 46:4

2) "I will" return them to their
inheritance in the promised
land (a type of heaven)

3) "I will" feed them, John 4:13-
14: 6:35; 1 Pet 1:3-4; Psa 23

4) "I will" give them the good
pasture land of the promised
land. Mat 6:31-33; Phil 4:19;
Deut 30:8-9; Psa 132:15

5) "I will" tend them, give them
peace, security, and rest, John
14:27; 16:33; Heb 4:9-11

6) "I will" seek the lost and bring
back the strays, Luke 19:10

7) "I will" help the injured and the
weak. Mat 20:28; Heb 4:15-16;
Psa 40:17; Isa 41:10

8) "I will" destroy the rich and
powerful and bring them to
justice

11 "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
I myself will search for my sheep
and look after them.

12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock
when he is with them,
so will I look after my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places
where they were scattered
on a day of clouds and darkness.

13 I will bring them out from the nations
and gather them from the countries,
and I will bring them into their own land.
I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel,
in the ravines and in all the settlements
in the land.

14 I will tend them in a good pasture,
and the mountain heights of Israel
will be their grazing land.
There they will lie down in good grazing land,
and there they will feed in a rich pasture
on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them
lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

16 I will search for the lost
and bring back the strays.
I will bind up the injured
and strengthen the weak,
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy.
I will shepherd the flock with justice.

**2. *God's execution of justice
among all the people,
both leaders and citizens***

- 1) The additional charges
against the leaders
- They took the good land for themselves and trampled down (neglected, misused) the rest
 - They took the best water and polluted the rest
 - They left no good land or unpolluted water for the citizens
- 2) The consequences:
God would execute true justice
between the rich leaders
and the poor citizens
- God would condemn the bad leaders because they abused and oppressed the weaker people
 - God would save His true believers:
They would no longer be at the mercy of despicable leaders

17 As for you, my flock,
this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
I will judge between one sheep and another,
and between rams and goats.

18 Is it not enough for you
to feed on the good pasture?
Must you also trample the rest of your pasture
with your feet?
Is it not enough for you to drink clear water?
Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?

19 Must my flock feed on what you have trampled
and drink what you have muddied
with your feet?

20 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says
to them: See, I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder,
butting all the weak sheep with your horns
until you have driven them away,

22 I will save my flock,
and they will no longer be plundered.
I will judge between one sheep and another.”