

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and bright, golden light rays emanate from the center of the pages, creating a dramatic, ethereal effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The text 'BOOK of JOHN' is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script.

BOOK *of* JOHN

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:11-21



The fourth of the “I AM” statements here in John.

- The word translated “good” means “*intrinsically good*,” not learned or applied goodness.
- It describes that which is the ideal or goal, the model that others should imitate. *Our Lord’s goodness is inherent in His nature*; He is good because He is God!
- He is perfect in His goodness.

PSALM 23—THE BEAUTIFUL PARALLEL

- Notice there is an absence of all doubt, fear, and anxiety because David knows the Good Shepherd is God Himself—the I AM of Moses. **Exodus 3:1-14**
- The Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, keeps His sheep even when they are ba....aaaaad sheep.
- In this context, to be good is exactly the opposite of being bad.



WHAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD DOES FOR US

- 1.** I shall not lack peace and rest
- 2.** I shall not lack abundant life
- 3.** I shall not lack direction in my life
- 4.** I shall not lack safety from my enemies
- 5.** I shall not lack the best provision
- 6.** I shall never lack an eternal home

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHEEP



- 1.** Sheep lack a sense of direction so they tend to wander off, and are forever getting lost.
- 2.** Sheep are not strong and mighty; they are weak.
- 3.** Sheep aren't dangerous; they're virtually defenseless.
- 4.** Sheep need someone to keep them clean.
- 5.** Sheep grumble and complain—we are ba..aaaad.

Yet, the Good Shepherd died for us anyway!

TRUSTING THE GOOD SHEPHERD

He is exactly who He claims to be!

- He died for His wayward, stinky sheep. **v. 11-13**
- He knows everything about His sheep and still loves us anyway. **v. 14-15**
- The Good Shepherd grows His flock. **v. 16**
- The Good Shepherd gives eternal life to us. **v. 17-21**

***TRUST THE GOOD SHEPHERD . . . GREEN PASTURES
AND STILL WATERS AWAIT!***