



“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. 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.” Isaiah 40:10 – 11

In His justice there is always mercy for the repentant. In His strength there is always compassion for the weak. The Lord’s strong hand enables Him to care for His people and provide for them a safe haven in the mist of trouble.

The Lord is pictured by many – especially, they say in the Old Testament – as being austere; a God who is indifferent and even vengeful toward mankind. Well? And what are your thoughts of Him? Not the image you want others to believe you hold of Him, but your inner heart attitude, those thoughts that rise to the surface when confronted with a problem or trial? What then do you inwardly believe of Him?

“I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11).

We must renew our minds to see Him as He is, not as others would have us believe Him to be. Isaiah shows us the true nature of Yahweh. He feeds His people with tender care, gathering them in His arms and carrying them near His heart.

He never drives us but gently leads us. If you are being driven today by circumstances or by forces from within or without, stop! Stop and ask the Good Shepherd to bring His grace on the scene. Ask Him to help you prioritize and set in order His Kingdom’s purposes. Find your rest in His tender care. Find your rest from those things driving you. Allow His strong arm to hold you and assure you.

“The Lord is my Shepherd. He does not drive me or push me. He is feeding me and drawing me near to His heart. He will gently carry me when I can no longer walk. He is shepherding me to those paths that I need to be on, for His Name’s sake. Thank You Lord!”

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