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The Names of Love - Part 9 - Jehovah Rohi

Ps. 23:1-4, “The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me to still waters, He refreshes my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Your rod and Your staff, they are with me.”

The Name of God in this passage is Jehovah Rohi; The Lord Our Shepherd

David begins this Psalm declaring the name of the LORD - Jehovah Rohi. There are three tenets to his description of Jehovah Rohi. First he states the LORD is my Shepherd. Then in the same sentence we see - The LORD is MY Shepherd. Lastly the emphasis is - The LORD is my SHEPHERD. What a beautiful way for David to express his relationship with his LORD.

As a young boy, David was a shepherd. He had charge over the flock and had to make sure they were protected and that their needs were met. The shepherd built a relationship with his sheep such that when he called them, they would respond to the sound of his voice.

Now, David pictures himself as the lamb and the LORD as his shepherd. The LORD takes him to green pastures. The LORD leads him beside still waters (the only kind sheep could drink from because if they fell in, their wool would weigh them down too much and they would drown). The LORD leads him in the paths he should go. And even when something attacks me, he will not be afraid because the Shepherd is with him.

This is truly a wonderful picture for us as well. Our Great Shepherd will do the same for us. Jesus described Himself in John 10:11, “I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” And He did!

The one thing we can know about the Shepherd, is that He will always take care of us. He will always lead us. He will always be there for us. Who else could love us like our Good Shepherd? Dear Jehovah Rohi, I praise You because You are my Good Shepherd and You watch over me everywhere I go. You lead me to places I could not even imagine. You protect me from the enemy. Thank You for being Jehovah Rohi. In Jesus Name, Amen