

Series: The Names of God
Title: Jehovah-Rohi
Text: Psalm 23

Introduction

The name Jehovah Rohi means Jehovah my Shepherd. It is the name that begins the Twenty-third Psalm, translated, "The Lord is my shepherd."

1. It is a psalm of David and was birthed out of his own _____ experience.
2. He looks back upon the stormy, troubled years when _____ hunted his life.
3. He sees the beautiful and fitting analogy of his relationship with Jehovah's relationship like that of a shepherd to the _____.
4. With confident faith, he can look _____ to the years ahead.

I. MEANING AND USE OF "ROHI"

5. The primary meaning of the word "Rohi" is to feed or lead to _____, as a shepherd does his flock.
6. Abraham's family were _____.
7. Both Ezekiel and Jeremiah contrast this with Jehovah's condemnation of the _____ shepherds.

II. JEHOVAH, THE SHEPHERD OF HIS PEOPLE

8. No other name of Jehovah has the tender, _____ touch this name does.
9. Yet the extraordinary grace of Jehovah expressed in the word "shepherd" means He has

_____ to a relationship with mortal, sinful creatures, whom He has redeemed.

10. It appears first directly and personally in the _____ Psalm.
11. After David designates Jehovah as a shepherd, the term _____ appears in scripture.
12. In the great chapter of _____, Isaiah 40, the prophet says "... He tends his flock like a shepherd".
13. Ezekiel also give us a _____ of this beautiful relationship in 34:11-16.
14. The shepherd still lives _____ and day with his animals.
15. He protects the sheep from _____ and preying animals by sleeping in the opening of the often makeshift sheepfold.
16. He who keeps His people neither _____ nor sleeps (Psalm 121).
17. Everything that the shepherd is to the sheep, Jehovah is to His _____.
18. The word dwell is the word Shekinah, indicating His glorious _____.
19. Jehovah Rohi is not on the Shepherd of His people; He is _____ Shepherd, the Shepherd of each one of His people.
20. The Psalm is full of _____ pronouns.

III. JESUS OUR SHEPHERD

21. _____ is our Jehovah Rohi.
22. Jesus is the Shepherd who is seen going after the sheep that was _____ in John 10.
23. His shepherd's heart melted with _____ for the people of Jerusalem, who were like sheep without a shepherd.
24. Peter reminds us that we were once going astray like sheep, but now we have _____ to Him.
25. Jesus meets every _____ of His flock.
26. He promised that as the Spirit of _____, He would guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
27. He protects us from the perils that are very _____.
28. The abiding presence of the Spirit of truth will keep us from these false teachers who _____ and destroy faith.
29. We are _____ at the table He spreads before us even in the presence of the enemy.
30. We know that whatever the sufferings and sorrows, the trials and terrors of the day, His _____ and loving-kindness followed us.

Conclusion

31. Jesus qualified Himself to become that good and great Shepherd by first becoming a _____.

32. As the Lamb of God, Jesus subjected Himself _____ to the Father's will and became worthy to be that good Shepherd of the sheep, who gave His life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

It is the Lord Jesus, our Jehovah Rohi, will lead us into that final fold and rest "before the throne of God" where, John says, "they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

And so "shall we dwell in the house of Jehovah, forever."

ANSWERS

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| 1. personal | 12. comfort | 22. Lost |
| 2. King Saul | 13. picture | 23. Compassion |
| 3. sheep | 14. night | 24. Returned |
| 4. forward | 15. thieves | 25. Need |
| 5. pasture | 16. slumbers | 26. Truth |
| 6. shepherds | 17. people | 27. Real |
| 7. false | 18. presence | 28. Exploit |
| 8. intimate | 19. my | 29. Safe |
| 9. condescended | 20. personal | 30. goodness |
| 10. Twenty-third | 21. Jesus | 31. lamb |
| 11. frequently | Christ | 32. willingly |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. How am I allowing the Shepherd to lead me this week?
2. Scripture says the sheep know His voice. What can I do this week to recognize it better?
3. What perils am I or my family currently facing? How can I learn to trust Jehovah Rohi to guide me through it?