

Sunday 25th April 2010

Gospel reading: John 10: 27-30

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

Meditation: MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND NO ONE SHALL SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND.

What a privilege we have in Jesus, the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over us.

Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since His is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands. The security Jesus offers is an abiding relationship with the living God, and membership with his flock, the people of God. Jesus also promises the security of peace and protection from evil and the greatest harm that could befall us – eternal destruction.

How is it that with this promise we have yet to place our trust and life over to Him where it belongs ?

One part of us we want to surrender, another, we have fear. The Lord does not spare us from all trouble. In this life we will experience pain, suffering, sickness and death. But through these the Lord will lead us to ultimate victory and safety in his everlasting home. Even in the midst of our sufferings we can find peace and security which no one can give except God alone. We can confidently follow the Lord wherever he leads, trusting that nothing can keep us from God if we surrender our lives to him.

Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep. He is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.

Question for Community sharing

Did you try to hear His voice, can you identify His voice? If you did, do you listen attentively to His voice & obey His word?

Who is Jesus to you? Is it difficult to trust Jesus? Why is it so difficult to trust Jesus? Is our mind clouded by past experiences with the imperfect followers of Christ?

Who else is difficult to trust right now in your life? What will you do this week to entrust these matters to Jesus?

Prayer: Father in heaven, in our conception you planted in our physical body a soul so unique individually & you send Jesus your beloved Son, our Good Shepherd to guard and save us. In you I place all my hope and I entrust myself to you completely. Increase my confidence and trust in your saving grace and in your abiding presence. Amen