



Thursday, 12/8/16

COVENANT OF PEACE AND SHOWERS OF BLESSING

READING: Ezekial 34:22-26

The Rescuer is coming, God Almighty has said it, and He always keeps His promises. This I tell to my children, but honestly, I tell it to comfort myself too. Sometimes it's so very hard to understand God's ways; I imagine it's probably how sheep feel about their shepherd. But the beautiful, awesome and wonderful thing about our Shepherd is that He created us, He loves us, He knows us and He has unlimited bounty for those who answer His call.

We don't have to run around bleating with worry because God has said that he will protect us and bless us, forever. The Living God has promised to make a covenant of peace with us, and make blessings of the places he will bring us to. He keeps his solemn vows, even to us lost and stumbling sheep.

I love that God, our protective Father, has promised to banish wild beasts from the land so that we, His sheep, may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. God, my Protector, gets me! He knows that I'm scared: afraid of the dark woods and of the dangers that prowl about; He knows how precious that rest is for me.

So take heart, little sheep, so bruised and weary; our Redeemer is coming and He will care for us. How happy are we, who are called to be in his pasture, under the shelter of His wings. When I'm feeling hopeless, helpless and lost, I bring to mind that He has called me to dwell securely around His hill: huddle close to the Body of Christ. Just wait, He will send down showers of blessing, in their season.

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