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GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

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Is That in the Bible?

Announcements

“To God Be the Glory”

Responsive Reading (Psalm 23:1-2)

P The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)

P He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever. (Psalm 79:13)

P He leads me beside still waters.

C Jesus said, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:38)

P Almighty God, you have promised to supply our every need, but we fail to trust your constant care. You lead us and provide for us, yet we wander from you and follow our own desires and the tempting voices of the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

C The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want!

Agape Ten-Year Anniversary

“You Are My All In All”

Prayer

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you came to rescue us from sin and death and bring us safely into your kingdom. Keep us in your care. In a world of many tempting voices, help us to listen to your voice in your holy Word and to follow only you. Empower us by your Spirit to join you in seeking out your lost sheep. Make us bold witnesses for you, so that others will come to hear your voice in the Gospel and believe in you, so there will be one flock and one Shepherd. Amen.

P I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

C There will be one flock, one shepherd.

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Chinese Choir

Did the Bible Say, “God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?”

Read Exodus 2:23, 25

- Why did God start to bring the Israelites out of slavery?
- What insights does this give us to the nature of prayer?

Read Exodus 17:8 -13

Looking at Moses, Aaron and Hur’s actions:

- What do you learn about the nature of prayer?
- Why is continuing to pray important?

Two Great Truths from Today

- ❖ God is _____
- ❖ God is _____

Read Ephesians 3:20.

1. What is God’s capability compared to your need?
2. What stops you from asking for God’s help more often?
3. Where do you most need help from God?

Question: Does the Bible say, “God helps those who help themselves.”

Answer: **God helps people who _____ help themselves.**

“Gentle Shepherd”

Prayer

God Be With You