

EXHALTED

CHARIST

SEE HIM HIGHER SO

THAT YOU LIVE HIGHER

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

John 10:1-6 (NIV)

Figure of Speech



“Ego is the voice that tells us we’re better than we really are. [It] inhibits true success by preventing a direct and honest connection to the world around us.”

- Ryan Holiday, *Ego is the Enemy*

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

Sheep Are Vulnerable

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John 10:1 (NIV)



Sheep Need Gatekeepers

²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

³**The gatekeeper opens the gate for him**, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:2-3 (NIV)

Sheep Need the Shepherd

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John 10:2-5 (NIV)

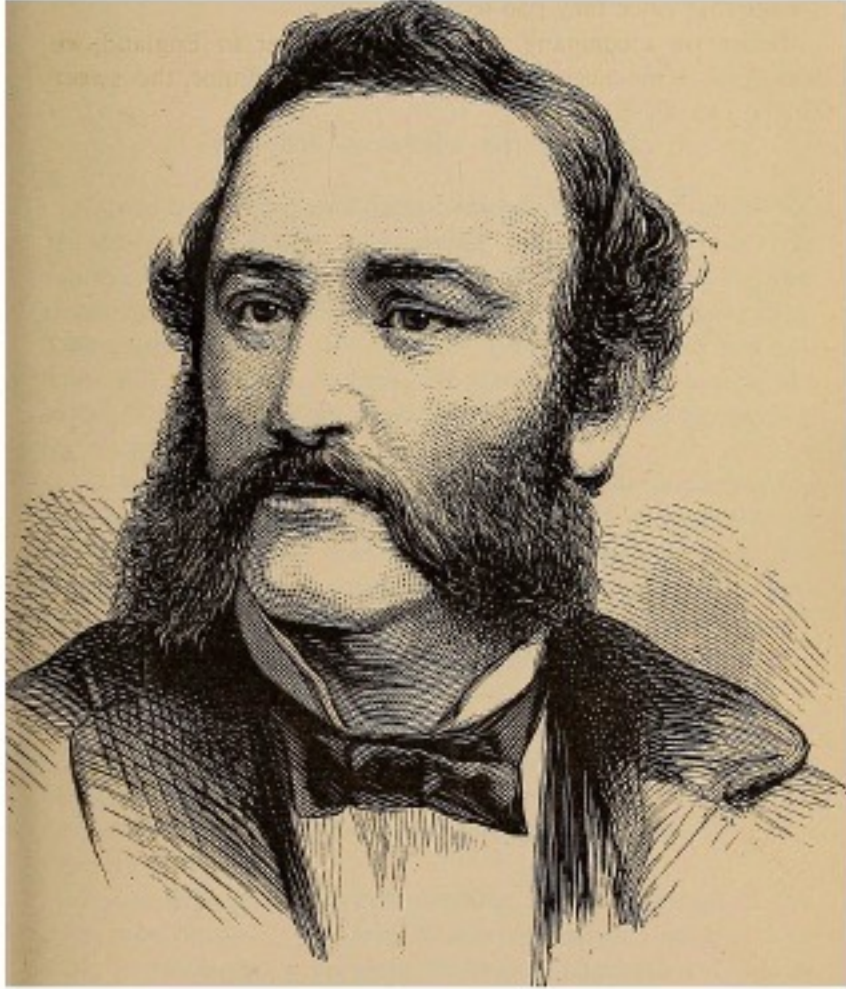
Sheep Need the Shepherd

The Shepherd Ensures That We Are:

1. Well Fed
2. Safe
3. Productive

IRA SANKEY

*D.L. Moody's
Music Director
1840-1908*



In 1875, while traveling on a steamboat up the Delaware River, Sankey was singing “Shepherd song.” A man came up to Sankey and said, “Did you ever serve in the Union Army?” He answered he had, to which the man replied, “Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlit night in 1862?” Sankey was surprised and said he had.

“So did I,” said the stranger, “But I was serving in the Confederate Army. I saw you standing at your post and said to myself: ‘That fellow will never get away from here alive.’ I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing. Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger. ‘Let him sing his song to the end,’ I said to myself. ‘I can shoot him afterwards. He’s my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.’ But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly. . .

*‘We are thine, do thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way.’*

“Those words stirred up many memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon. Otherwise much in my life would no doubt have been different. When you had finished your song it was impossible for me to take aim at you again. I thought: ‘The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must be great and mighty’ and my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side.”