



That You May

BELIEVE

**"THE GOOD SHEPHERD"
(JOHN 10)"**



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JOHN 10:11

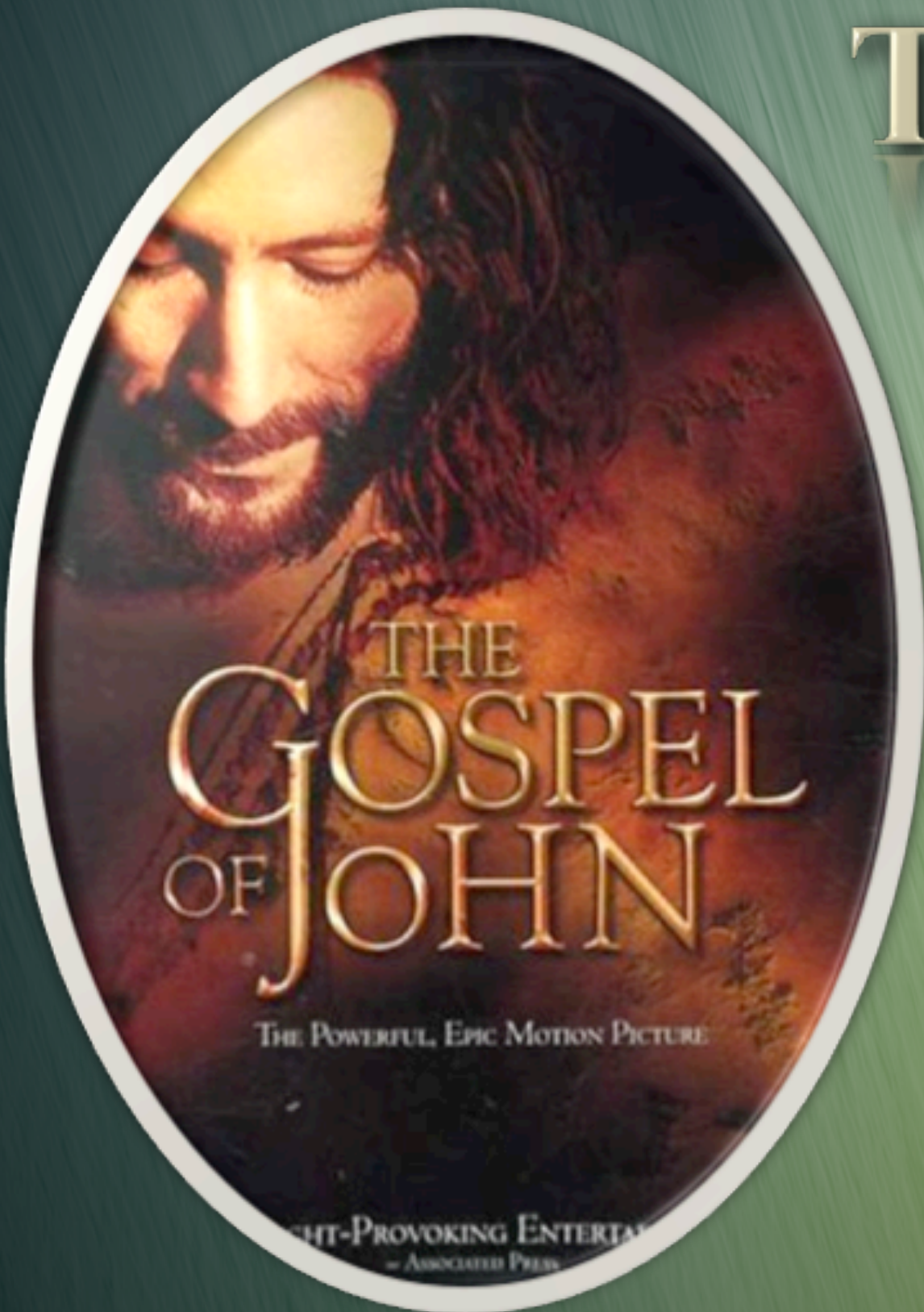
(John 10:1-42)

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THEME

John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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THE CONTEXT



- ◆ In John 6 – Jesus fed 5000 and then said He was the Bread of Life (John 6:35).
- ◆ In John 7 – He claims to be the source of living water (John 6:37,38)
- ◆ In John 8 – He claims to be the Light of the World (John 8:12).
- ◆ John 8:48–59 – The Jews understood His claims and wanted to kill Him.
- ◆ In John 9 – He provides physical and spiritual light to a blind man thus providing confirmation of His claims.

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- ◆ This discourse seems to be a continuation of the closing verses of chapter 9
- ◆ Jesus is continuing to reveal his true status, as opposed to the false leadership of the Pharisees.

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COMMON BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATION



- ◆ Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd"
- ◆ Psalm 79:13 "So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, . . ."
- ◆ Psalm 80:1 "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock . . ."
- ◆ Psalm 95:7 "For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:"
- ◆ Isa. 53:6; Jer 23:1-40; Zec 11:1-17; Luke 15:1-7;

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Ezekiel 34:23–24 (NKJV)

²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.



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A MORNING SHEPHERDING SCENE – 1-6

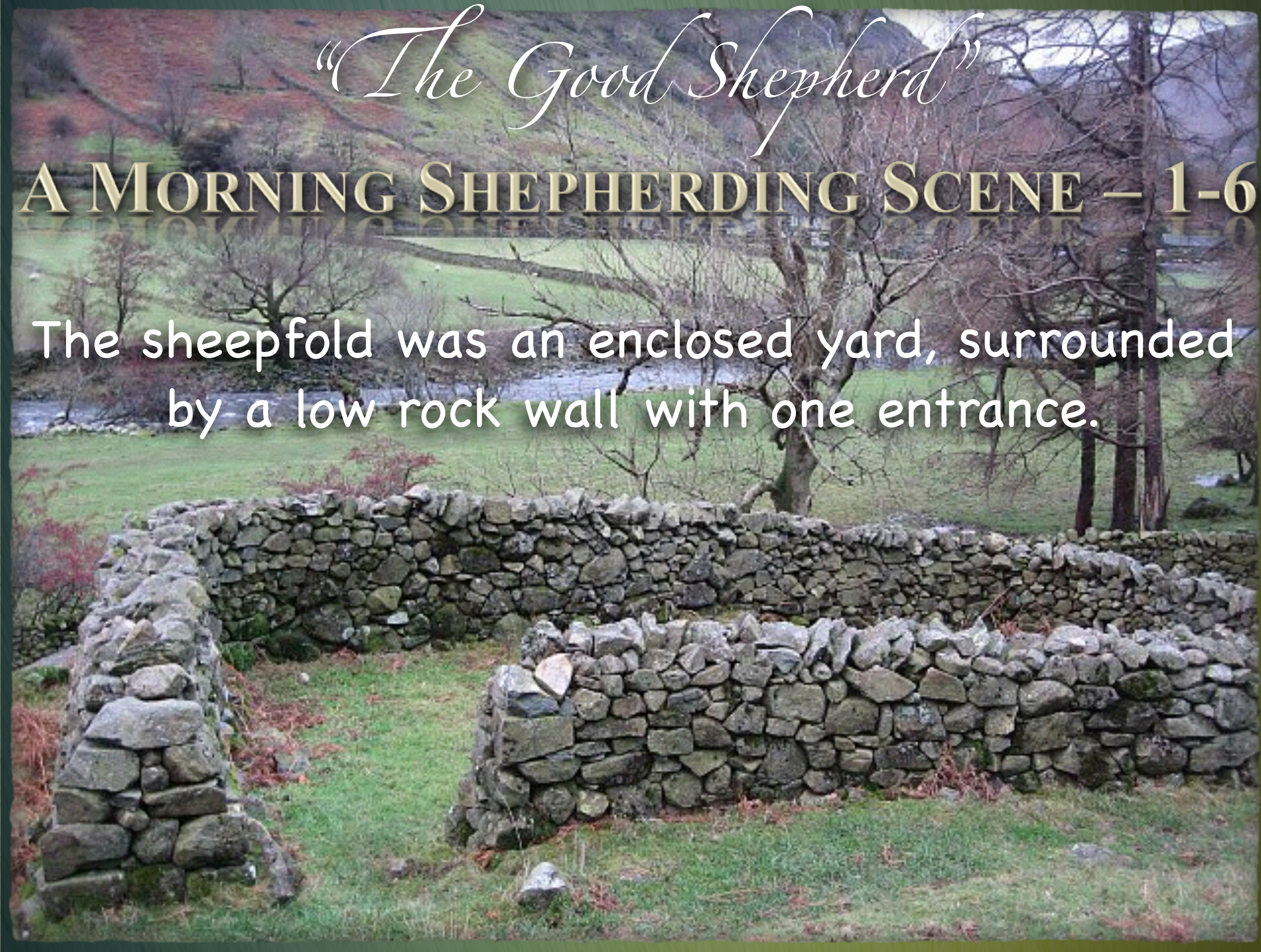
John 10:1–6 (NKJV)

¹ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

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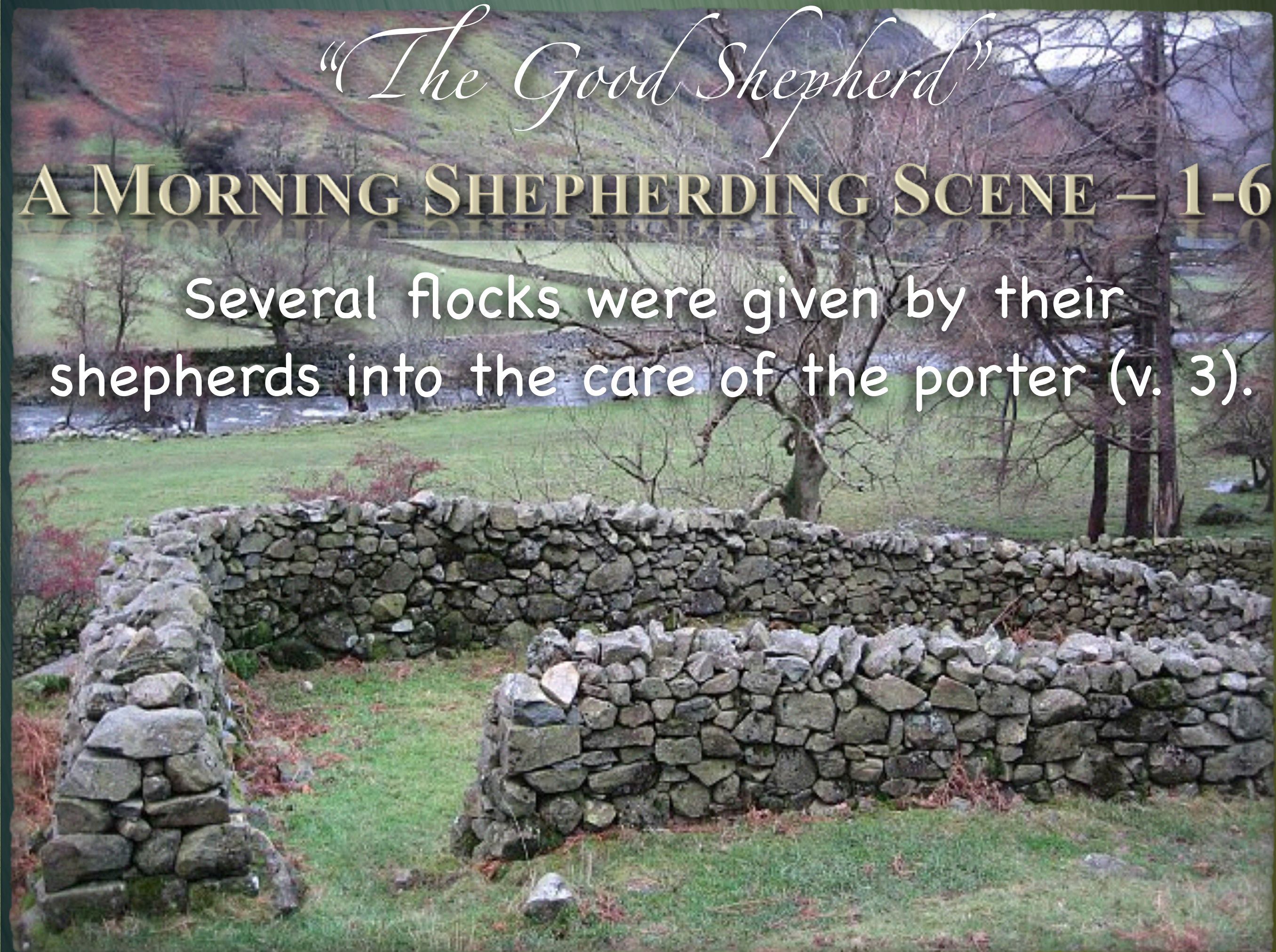
The sheepfold was an enclosed yard, surrounded by a low rock wall with one entrance.



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Several flocks were given by their shepherds into the care of the porter (v. 3).



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In the morning the shepherd called for his own flock and led them out again.





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A MORNING SHEPHERDING SCENE — 1-6

The real shepherd entered by the gate. When he spoke, his familiar voice was recognized and his sheep followed him to pasture. 3,4

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- ◆ One who climbed over the wall, then, could not be the true shepherd, but a thief & robber.
- ◆ The distinction is sharp between the benevolent shepherd and the plundering robber.
- ◆ Here are contrasted religious teachers who would serve themselves by means of the flock, and those who would serve the sheep.

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- ◆ The teaching of Jesus is distinctive – If one knows the truth, false doctrine is easily recognizable – (Eph 4:13,14; Heb 5:14; 2 Pet 3:16–18)

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"I AM THE DOOR" – 10:7-10



- ◆ The reality of thieves & robbers – 8
- ◆ Jesus is the ONLY way to salvation, safety & blessing – 9
- ◆ Thieves & Robbers contrasted with the Lord's concern for His sheep – 10

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"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD" – 10:11-21



◆ The implication – 11

- ◆ In the Old Testament, God is called the Shepherd of His people (Pss. 23:1; 80:1–2; Ecc. 12:11; Isa. 40:11; Jer. 31:10).
- ◆ Jesus is this to His people, and He came to give His life for their benefit (cf. John 10:14, 17–18; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 5:2, 25; Heb. 9:14).
- ◆ He is also the "Great Shepherd" (Heb. 13:20–21) and "the Chief Shepherd" (1 Peter 5:4).

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- ◆ The Contrast Between the Good Shepherd & Hired Hand – 11-13
- ◆ The Good shepherd gives His life for His sheep, 11, (cf. David 1 Sam.17,34,35) – Jesus has reference to His sacrificial death – Eph 5:2; Heb 5:8,9; 1 Pet 2:24
- ◆ Hirelings run away when trouble comes – 12,13 – the class of persons who make merchandise of holy things – 2 Pet 2:1-4

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- ◆ The Contrast Between the Good Shepherd & Hired Hand – 11-13
- ◆ Israel had many false prophets, selfish kings, and imitation messiahs. The flock of God suffered constantly & was scattered from their abuse (Jer. 10:21-22; 12:10; Zech. 11:4-17).
- ◆ The hireling, (wolf Mat 7:15ff) cares not for the sheep except for selfish motives – 13

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- ◆ The Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep – 14-16
- ◆ In contrast with a hired workman, the Good Shepherd has an intimacy with and personal interest in the sheep (cf. vv. 3, 27).
- ◆ I know My sheep stresses His ownership and watchful oversight.
- ◆ My sheep know Me stresses their reciprocal knowledge of and intimacy with Him.

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- ◆ This intimacy is modeled on the loving & trusting relationship of the Father & the Son. – 15
- ◆ Jesus' care and concern is evidenced by His prediction of His coming death for the flock. (vv. 11, 15, 17-18; cf Rom. 5:8, 10; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18). His death gives them life.

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- ◆ The other sheep ... not of this flock refers to Gentiles who would believe. His coming death would bring them also to the Father. – Rom 15:9-13
- ◆ One flock and one Shepherd speaks of the church – Jews & Gentiles in one body with Christ as Head (cf. Eph. 2:11-22; 3:6).

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- ◆ The Good Shepherd Has authority over life & death – 17,18



John 10:17–18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

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◆ The Jews Were Divided – 19-21

John 10:19-21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. ²⁰ And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" ²¹ Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"



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SECURITY OF THE SHEEP – 10:22-30



- ◆ The divine witness – 22-25
- ◆ My sheep hear my voice and FOLLOW Me – 27; [cf Jam 1:21; Heb 5:8,9 – (Hear = understands / Follows = obeys)]
- ◆ And no one shall snatch them out of my hand . . . or My Father's hand – 28,29 – (protection from those without, 10:12; Rom 8:28-39)
- ◆ There is security IN Christ for the BELIEVER – BUT – 2 Pet 2:20-22

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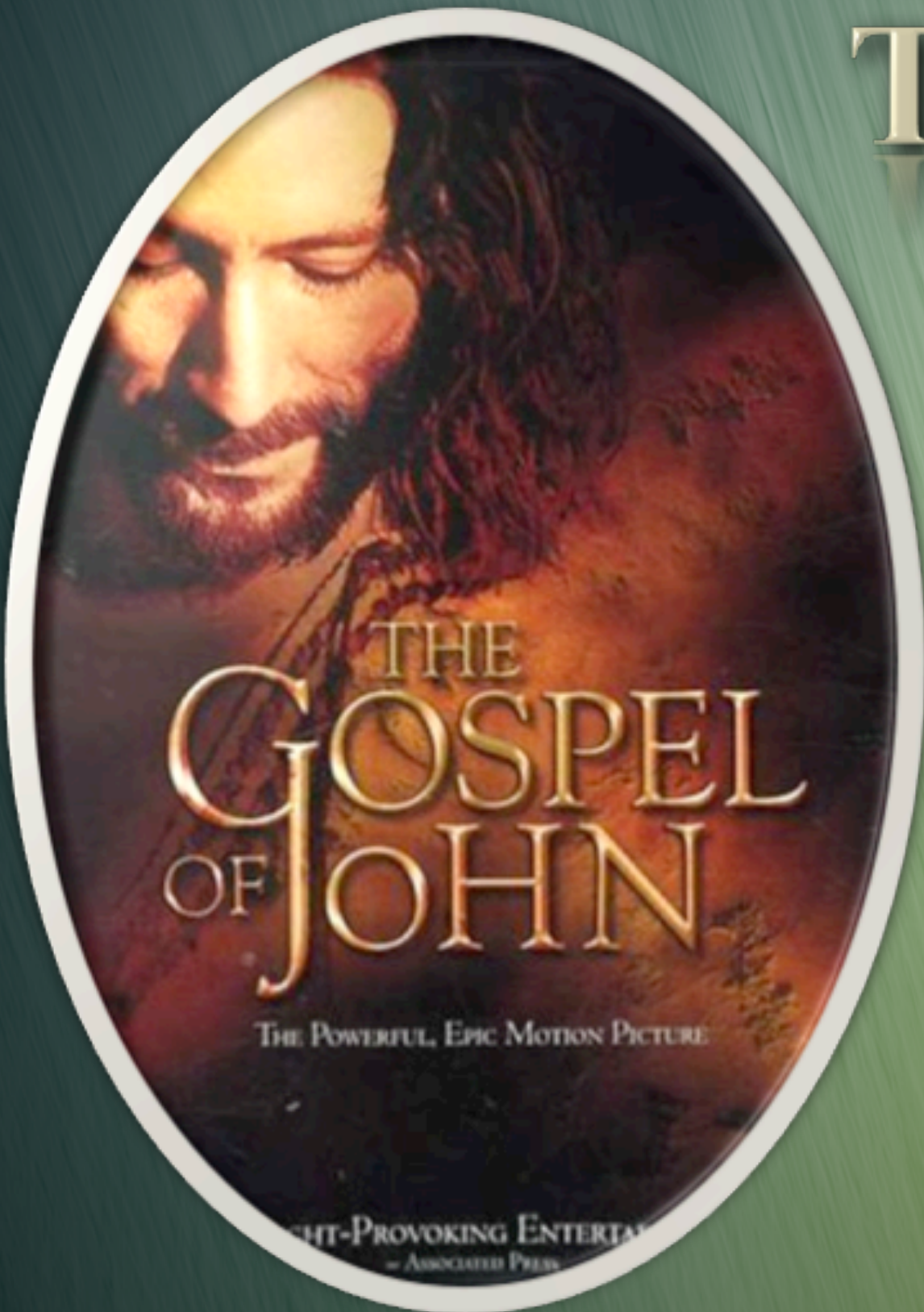
- ◆ Will we listen to or reject the Shepherd?
- ◆ Will we follow His voice or refuse?
- ◆ Will we receive His loving protection & care or reject it and be destroyed?

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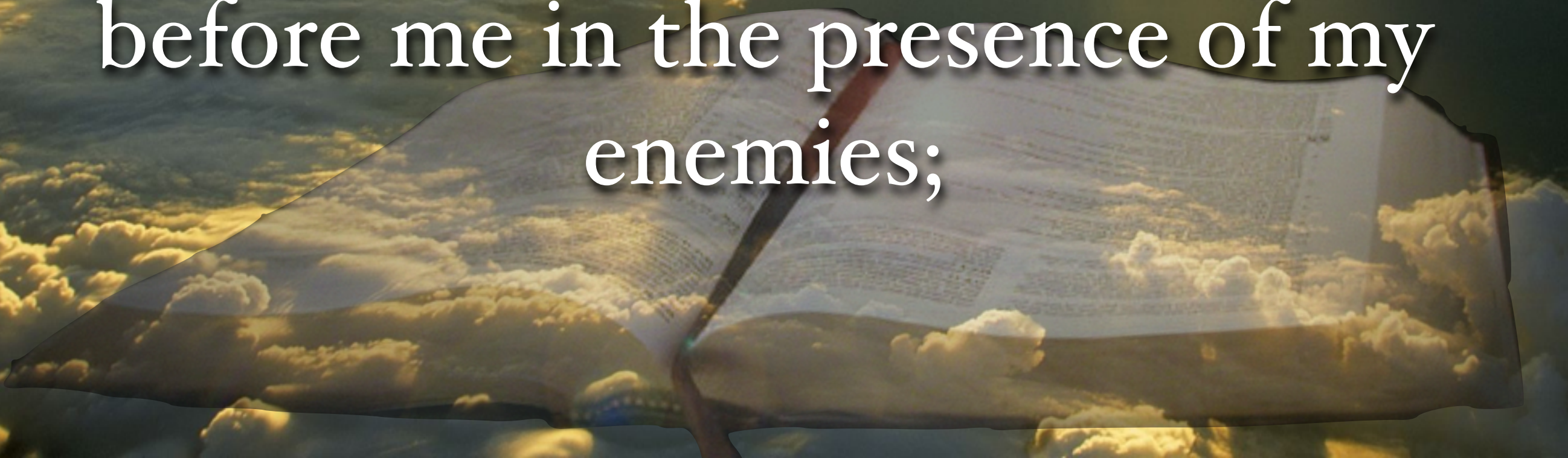
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Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Psalms 23:1-6 (NKJV)

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

An open Bible with a red bookmark is positioned at the bottom of the frame, resting on a bed of white, fluffy clouds. The background is a dramatic sky with a bright sun setting or rising, creating a warm, golden glow and long, soft rays of light that filter through the clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV)

You anoint my head with oil; My
cup runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness
and mercy shall follow me All the
days of my life; And I will dwell
in the house of the Lord Forever.

