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2016: THE YEAR OF RENEWED MINDS AND RECEPTIVE HEARTS!

In God we Trust – Growing to know God: YAHWEH-ROHI: "The Lord Our Shepherd"

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Trust God!

Proverbs 3:5 (New Living Translation, NLT)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition, AMPC)

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding.

Proverbs 3:5-12 (The Message, MSG)

5-12 Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life! Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. But don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline; don't sulk under his loving correction. It's the child he loves that God corrects; a father's delight is behind all this.

WHO IS YOUR SHEPHERD? Who really leads you?

John 10:25-29 (AMPC)

25 Jesus answered them, I have told you so, yet you do not believe Me [you do not trust Me *and* rely on Me]. The very works that I do by the power of My Father *and* in My Father's name bear witness concerning Me [they are My credentials and evidence in support of Me]. 26 But you do not believe *and* trust *and* rely on Me because you do not belong to My fold [you are no sheep of Mine]. **27 The sheep that are My own hear *and* are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.** 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it *or* perish throughout the ages. [To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.] And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater *and* mightier than all [else]; and no

one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand.

David discovered that God was his shepherd

Psalm 23 (New King James Version, 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. 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; 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.

- **YAHWEH-ROHI: "The Lord Our Shepherd" (Psalm 23:1) – After David pondered his relationship as a shepherd to his sheep, he realized that was exactly the relationship God had with him, and so he declares, “Yahweh-Rohi is my Shepherd. I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1).**

Trust derives from a consistent happening or experience that yields predictable results.

If one lacks information (such as The Word of God) it is difficult if not impossible to completely trust God's instructions and directions for your life.

One of the reasons we don't consistently see God type results in our lives is because we lean to what we know instead of seeking first The Kingdom of God (God's ways of doing things) and knowing that all things can and will be answered through that instruction (Matt 6:33 AMP).

The good news is that God gives us examples of real people dealing with real issues dealing with The real God.

These biblical examples of hidden jewels are for us to find; they are gifts to help us navigate through our lives to discover that as God was with them He is with us...He is predictable thus He can be trusted.

The question here today is will you come to open up your mind and pray for a receptive heart and begin to approach your life with what God says or will you continue with your understanding.

What messes up our trust with God?

- **Wrong expectations**
- **Non-biblical thinking**
- **People, groups, organizations who prove to be untrustworthy.**

What builds our Trust toward God?

- **Surrender**
- **Obedience**
- **Faith**
- **Experience**

Benefits of Trusting God

- **I am led by God in righteousness which ensures my path.**
- **I shall not lack!**
- **In the challenging times of my life God never leaves me.**
- **God protects me, guides me, He comforts me.**
- **I have access to restoration from the world's heavy issues.**
- **God blesses me in front of my enemies.**
- **Unfailing love follows me.**

The Lord is “My” shepherd

Psalm 23 (AMPC)

1 The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack. 2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters. 3 He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name’s sake. 4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over. 6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.