



***“PATH OF LIFE”***

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## **JOHN 10: 28**

**“I give unto my sheep eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.”**



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Jesus in Scripture is called the Good Shepherd---thus, His sheep He forever knows  
Out of love, He calls them all by name---and to them the right path He shows  
A motley flock, they appear to the eye---of which I am notably one  
Crippled wobbly, wrinkled and gray---looking weak and miserably undone.

Yet as the object of His great affection---to Jesus they shall always belong  
Created and deliberately chosen by Him---in spite of the things they do wrong  
Forever desirous of the best of both worlds---their promises they do not keep  
Partaking daily in things of the flesh---all too soon, their grip has gone deep.

“Lord have mercy!” they cry in shame---in hopes their burdens He’ll share  
“I am here, little flock,” He responds in kind---in a voice of concern and care  
Thus, taking His staff, He offers sweet comfort---lifting them back onto the path  
Then drawing them close, for an intimate time---instruction He offers; not wrath.

He is the Good Shepherd who laid-down His life---the price He paid for His sheep  
Absorbing the penalty for our perverseness---an act that should make us weep  
That we shall dwell in His house forever---is His promise we should choose to believe  
So fortunate we are to belong to Him ---nothing on earth should temp us to leave.