

A pastor went down into the country to visit a friend who had built a new barn, and on the barn was a dome-like structure upon which they had put a weather vane with this text of Scripture on it: "God is love." (1 John 4:16) The pastor said to the man— "What do you mean by putting that text of Scripture on the weather vane? Do you mean that God's love is as changeable as the wind?"

"Oh no," was the reply; "I mean to say that God is Love, whichever way the wind blows."

As a matter of fact, Romans 8:35-39 says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Indeed, no matter what our situation, we can be thankful that God loves us no matter which way the "wind" blows.

Stripples (Bacon Replacement)

4 Tbsp ground flaxseed mixed in 1/3 cup water

1/4 cup oil (I use light olive oil) 1 1/2 Tbsp mock aminos*

1 capful of Wright's liquid smoke flavor

2 tsp maple syrup 3 Tbsp arrowroot 6 Tbsp gluten flour 2 tsp smoked paprika 1/2 tsp guar gum 1 tsp Lawrys-like seasoning*

3 Tbsp coconut flour 1 tsp onion powder

2 Tbsp garbanzo flour

1 Tbsp nutritional yeast OR add 1/2 tsp onion powder and 1/2 tsp tomato powder

Mix ingredients thoroughly, kneading to build gluten. (Add additional gluten flour or garbanzo flour if needed) Roll thinly on a cutting board. Cut in strips and fry in a pan on the stovetop. These burn easily, so watch them well. Serve.



*Recipe here https://www.swiftrunnerministries.com/recipes--seasonings-notmeats-scratch.php
(I sometimes make these ahead of time and cook them just lightly, so I can fry them again just before eating.)

"Too many people write their blessings in the sand but engrave their sorrows in marble."--Charles Spurgeon

Profitable Traditions -- Cultivate Biblical Communication Skills

How many times have you heard someone say in frustration, "He's not listening to me"? In James 1:9 the Bible says, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:" Even if you don't agree with someone at least let them know you are listening. David wrote, "Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily." Psalm102:2 This verse reveals two ways to listen well.

- Look at the person you are talking to. Good listeners have their eyes and face turned toward who they are listening to.
- 2. **Reply/answer so they know you've heard them.** You don't have to agree with them to do this. For example, "I can see you feel strongly about this," or "I've never heard that before," or "I hear you," still show you care about them enough to listen.



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Lenny's New Engine

You don't love me anymore!" wailed little Lenny as if his heart was broken, "I want to play with my little engine; it's the only engine I've ever had in all my life."

Little Lenny had just gotten a toy train engine for a gift. He was erupting with squeals of joy as he filled his engine with water and did what was required to make the engine go. Soon the wheel was turning around with a busy hum, "Trrr-rr-rr-r-r-r-r," and the whistle was "Too-too-tooing!"

That afternoon a letter was delivered from Auntie Jessie. She said in two months she and the cousins were coming to visit. She also she mentioned that she had bought a Meccano set (similar to an Erector set) for her children to play with. "Oh, goody, goody! "Lenny's family chorused with glee. And then Lenny's father got to thinking. He could see further ahead than the children could. He thought of what fun it would be to have the steam engine turning the wheels and the merry-go-rounds that they could make with the Meccano set. But in two months, the little engine might be all broken and useless. He thought it through for a long time and also asked Mother what she thought of his plan.



Then in the evening he called Lenny, and said, "Son, I've been thinking." --- "Yes, Daddy?" "About the engine and the Mecanno set. Wouldn't it be fun to have the engine turn a merry-go-round that we could make with the Meccano set!"

"Oh, yes, daddy!"

"But if you play with the engine now, maybe it will be broken by the time your cousins come. Wouldn't it be better to put the engine away now, so it will still be brand new when Edwin and Wilred and Buddy come?"

"Oh, but, Daddy, I want to play with it now."

"But it's not as much fun without a Meccano-set merry-go-round."

"But Daddy, I want to play with it now. It's the only engine I've ever had in all my life."

Father hesitated. He knew it would break his son's heart. He thought it carefully through again, and more sure than ever that his plan was best, he said, "Well play with it once more son, then we'll put it away so it will be brand new when the Meccano set comes." Lenny played till the fire burned out and the steam died down. Then the father emptied the engine, wiped it down, and put it away. And that's why the "You don't love me anymore!" wail came from Lenny. To give him something else to think about, Father took him for a swim. And Mother made his favorite dessert for supper. There were stories and games to follow, and off he went to bed. In two or three days, Lenny had almost forgotten the engine, and hardly mentioned it again.

Then one day the motorboat honked the arrival of Aunt Jessie and all the cousins. Happy greetings followed. "Hi, Lenny," shouted Edwin. "Guess what! We've got a Meccano set, and we can make a Ferris wheel!" "And a merrygo-round," added Wilfred. When the luggage was brought to the house, the first thing to be unpacked was the Meccano set. And in a moment, the boys were working feverishly, on a bamboo mat, constructing a Ferris wheel. And while they put the parts together, Father went in, got out the brand new engine, and put it right in the middle of them. "Oh-h-h, my engine!" squealed Lenny, and he busied himself putting in the water and lighting up.

By the time he had steam up, the Ferris wheel was completed. Edwin got a long string belt, and in just a moment round and round it was going driven by the little engine. Four little boys jumped up and down and clapped their hands with delight. Four little boys ooh-ed and ah-ed and laughed and shouted in glee. This was joy undreamed of, and Father looked on with thoughtful satisfaction. Then he said, "Son, aren't you glad now that Daddy put the little engine away?"

Lenny came bounding over to where Father sat, climbed on his knee, put his arms around Father's neck, and said, "How did you know?"

Like a beloved toy, sometimes in life we find that God allows things or even people we love to be removed. Or sometimes "good" people end up blind, deaf or crippled. But God is too wise to be mistaken. He is too good to be unkind. He allows these things only that we can have them brand new "in the morning." When God seemingly passes us by, and keeps something back that we would rather have than anything else in all the world, we can still be thankful knowing our Father is only allowing it that it may be ours, unmarred, unscratched, unbroken, in the morning.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5



Gratefully God's Way

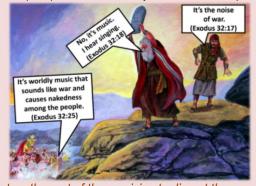
Editor's Note and Study to Show Thyself Approved

"There are so many rules, I think I would accidentally get in trouble there," my daughter stated after scanning the handbook for a certain school a friend was attending. (I knew her thought stemmed from the fear that she would see a bird and run outside to see it at a time that she wasn't allowed to be out of the dorm.) "But what about all our rules?" I asked, half teasing. "What rules?" she replied. I chuckled, knowing that this was **not** the way most people would see our household's rules. After all we **don't** do so many things. We don't drink alcohol, we don't smoke, don't drink coffee or use other caffeinated products, don't eat meat or dairy, we don't watch movies and soap operas, don't read novels, we don't celebrate pagan holidays, the ladies don't wear pants, we don't wear makeup or jewelry, don't listen to the rock racket many people call music, etc. The list could go on and on. **But the truth is, we don't miss these things.** Frankly, we don't even really think of them as rules. In fact, on a different level, we say like Job, "the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:20,21 Personally, in addition to what many would consider obvious blessings, I am just as thankful for many of the things that "the LORD hath taken away," for with these come many blessings in disguise.

For example, when we first moved out west and our neighbors found out we didn't eat meat, they wanted to know, "how can you live without eating meat?" They didn't know that having never eaten meat except twice when I got it accidentally, meat looks about as much like food to me as does cow manure. In fact, when I accidentally got pepperoni in cheese bread as a child, even before reading the label to know what it was, it warranted a trip to the bathroom to deposit the contents of my mouth into the toilet. The second time, when a stray piece of chicken ended up in my supposed-to-be-vegetarian food at a restaurant, it was hardly better. Although this time, being an adult (but still fighting the desire to vomit) I quietly deposited the piece of chicken into a nearby napkin. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the Bible says, "God loveth a cheerful giver," and frankly I couldn't be happier to "give up" meat. And that is why this Thanksgiving we praise God for the biblical counsel that meat comes with a warning label, it is not the healthiest food. It simply gave us a reason to do what our taste buds preferred anyway. (Genesis 9:5,6, Psalm 78:30,31, Romans 14:1, 1 Cor. 8:13, Isaiah 66:1-17, Proverbs 23:20)

The same is true of dress reform* for me. In allegiance to the tyrannical mistress of fashion, I can remember wearing jeans so tight that I could hardly breathe. When I had to sit down, they would almost cut me in half. And once walking uphill on a road, I can remember my jeans being so tight that I could barely move my legs. When I wore high heels to church, week after week, I'd come home with a headache, and beg my husband to rub my feet to get rid of the pain. To me, a dress/skirt with leggings or comfortable capris underneath and a sensible pair of shoes fulfilled Luke 4:18 where Jesus said he was "anointed...to preach deliverance to the captives." Jesus, with dress reform, set me free from the goddess of fashion, why shouldn't I love Him? This Thanksgiving I am thankful for the joy of dress reform. (1 Timothy 2:9,10. Compare Deut. 22:5 with Job 38:3, 40:7 (KJV) for what God says is "like a man.")

Although I am thankful for all of the above "rules," I cannot possibly cover all my reasons here, so I will suffice with one more. What if you could do something to make your Christian life easier, so the lusts of the flesh were not as strong as before? This is what music reform has done for me and many others. Jesus cautions in Mark 4:24 "Take heed therefore what ye hear..." This is true both for words and additionally for the music. The story of licentiousness at the golden calf shows the result of music that sounds like "noise of war." Exodus 32:17 In other words, "clank, boom, clank, boom, clank, boom." Sounds a lot like the rock music often coming from the car stopped next to you at a traffic light. An evidently non-Christian book called The Secret Power of Music states, "With the coming in of jazz, pulsation, and syncopation became pronounced in music as never



before. Syncopation places the accent on the off-beat in 4/4 time. It is a deliberate attempt on the part of the musician to disrupt the even character of his rhythm. The effect of jazz syncopation is primarily sexual: the beat somehow ties in with the rhythm of sexuality in man and woman... When pulsation and syncopation are the rhythmic foundations of the music at a dance hall, the movements of the dancers can invariably be seen to become very sensual and oriented around the loins. Such rhythms actually possess the capacity to force the subtle energies of the body downward into this region of the anatomy, therefore increasing the outpouring into the bloodstream of sexual hormones." He goes on to state that "Once such biochemical...forces have become concentrated in the loins, they must find some manner of expression." For decency's sake, I'll refrain from finishing all that he states, but let's just say, even if the words of a song are good, if the music is syncopated, the syncopation will preach a different sermon than the good words. Inevitably, the result of this syncopated music sermon, especially among the youth, is more immorality and fornication just like at the golden calf. I can remember one year at a youth program a "Christian" rapper was invited to perform. Despite the fact that the words were good, the exodus of couples to find places to act out the result of this immoral music sermon was revealing. When God also says "take heed how ye hear..." Luke 8:18, the wise will pay attention, and do away with the syncopation. There is a blessing to be found in abstaining from the kind of music that God's word exposes. (For more info watch our presentation Sound Doctrine, part 1 & part 2.) This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the blessing of music reform and the fact that God took away the bad musical rhythms making it much easier to "gird up the loins of your mind." 1 Peter 1:13

So this Thanksgiving I'd just like to say, I am thankful for our household "rules." We have realized abundant blessings from what God has "taken away." The following words reflect my gratefulness for God's way. "Shall we call it a sacrifice on our part to yield error for truth, darkness for light, sin for righteousness?...Many speak of the life of the Christian taking away from us pleasures and worldly enjoyments. I say it takes away nothing worth saving..." "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss [detriment⁴] for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..." Philippians 3:8

*Just a note for other ladies that may be trying to making this change. For everyday work wear, pick a durable jean or corduroy skirt or jumper that is wide enough to sit cross-legged in. We have found a well-below-the-knee skirt, 8-10 inches from the floor, is the most practical length for work. A comfortable pair of leggings or capris underneath eliminate modesty issues.

For more info visit https://www.biblepicturepathways.com/dress-reform.php

1--The Secret Power of Music by David Tame, pg. 199. 2- Webster's 1828 Dictionary 3-Our High Calling, pg. 201 4-Strong's Concordance



A Common Plant-based Mistake

"I've tried a plant-based diet before," a man at our fair booth said, "I just don't have energy after just eating dried fruit." I tried explaining to him that he couldn't just eat fruit. That wasn't balanced. He needed some protein from nuts, seeds, and beans, and also some whole grains and vegetables. Whole grains are something for which I'm thankful. I

can remember the first time I ate brown rice. "What is this?" I asked. "Brown rice," my mother answered, "it's better for you." "Well, we should eat it all the time, it tastes better too!" I said excitedly. Now I know if you don't want to get things like diabetes and arthritis, eating whole grains instead of white pasta, white rice and white bread is very important.

Variety is important too, especially on a plantbased diet. I remember the story a friend told me when she found out I ate plant-based. "Oh. I know somebody who's vegan," my friend said. "They eat avocado and sprout sandwiches for every meal." "Seriously, for every meal?" I questioned. "Yes." she assured me. Since I had no reason to doubt her honesty, I replied "Well, there is some good nutrition there, but for every meal? Seems like some variety would be nice." A common plant-based mistake is to cut out many unhealthy foods, but forget to make sure you eat all the healthy foods your body needs to function right. Imagine if you put oil in your car, but no gas. Or gas, but no transmission fluid. Or transmission fluid, but no brake fluid or air in the tires. Just like a car needs all of these different things to run properly, your body needs a variety of nutrients in order to function optimally. Since a picture is worth a thousand words,



just above are the categories a healthy plant-based plate should ideally contain at each meal or at least throughout each day. Indeed, it's time to be thankful for all the good food God gave us so we can "eat... for strength.." Ecclesiastes 10:17



Unexpected Deceptions-- Prophetic News Notes

Recently, while reading a story in a mission magazine, I read about how when a man's waitress at a restaurant found out that he was a missionary, between customers, she eagerly kept coming back to talk to him about the Bible. But later in the conversation, upon bringing her Bible and asking him to show her where the Bible told about the seventh-day Sabbath, he began to realize something was wrong. Although he spoke her language and was familiar with the local Bible, what she brought was not the Bible. Although it had portions that sounded like the Bible and was set up with chapters and verses like the Bible, he later learned it was the Book of Mormon whose subheading reads "Another Testament of Jesus Christ." When the missionary told her this was not the Bible, "she was shocked--she had been studying that book for 20 years, thinking it was the true Bible because that is how it was described when it was given to her." The good news is because of her sincerity of



heart, God had led her to someone who could make sure she received a real Bible in her language. It's good to know God's promise holds true, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

However, the warnings in God's word also hold true. And Revelation 16:13,14 says, "And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs: for they are spirits of devils, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God. the Almighty." Now I could write a whole Bible study comparing these spirits to the frogs of Egypt which were found, among other places, in the ovens and kneading troughs. (Exodus 8:3) In other words, frogs defiled where they baked bread (bread being a representation of the Bible). Or we could contrast these unclean spirits with where Jesus described the true spirit saying, "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63 If the true spirit is the word of God, unclean spirits are counterfeit Bibles. In the above story, we found a counterfeit Word of God, a counterfeit Bible, that was presented as being the true word of God. I would like to suggest that this is not an isolated case. The same sort of thing is happening all over the world. Below is a chart showing this, based, in part, on some of the information in Revelation 13. It demonstrates how at each prophetic step, Satan's plan to deceive becomes more and more subtle. In fact, 2 Timothy 3:13 states, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." According to Revelation 13:2 the dragon [paganism] gives the beast [papalism] his seat. An article in Signs of the Times put it like this, "Through paganism, and then through the Papacy, Satan exerted his power for many centuries in an effort to blot from the earth God's faithful witnesses. Pagans and papists were actuated by the same dragon spirit. They differed only in that the Papacy, making a pretense of serving God, was the more dangerous and cruel foe. Through the agency of Romanism, Satan took the world captive. The professed church of God was swept into the ranks of this delusion, and for more than a thousand years the people of God suffered under the dragon's ire. And when the Papacy, robbed of its strength, was forced to desist from persecution, John beheld a new power coming up to echo the dragon's voice, and carry forward the same cruel and blasphemous work. This power, the last that is to wage war against the church and the law of God, was symbolized by a beast with lamblike horns." *In I his power parallels the false prophet, because it speaks like a dragon, but has lamblike horns. Consider how Satan's plan has not changed over the years, it has only become more subtle and thus harder to discern.

A Progression of Deception Based on Revelation 13 and 16:13,14 & 2 Timothy 3:13 The Dragon (Paganism)

The Dragon (Paganism) Based on Rebellion

Example: The Satanic Bible

The Opposite of the Dragon

The Beast [Papalism]

Based on Tradition

a mixture of Rebellion & God's Way Example: Latin Vulgate interpreted by Catechism (10 Commandments Change)



The Opposite of the Beast Protestantism

Protesting Tradition with Sola Scriptura, The Bible Only



The False Prophet (Apostate Protestantism+)

Based on "Bibles" created to uphold false doctrine

a mixture of Tradition & the Bible Only (Higher Criticism)
Teaching for Doctrines the Commandments of Men
(Matthew 15:9, Mark 7:7)

Examples: The Book of Mormon, & Joseph Smith Translation, New World Translation, 1844 Siniaticus, Wescott/Hort Greek Text, etc.

The Opposite of the False Prophet

Those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ

John 5:39, Revelation 19:10, Exodus 20, Revelation 14 Examples: King James Bible, Czech Kralicka, Spanish RVG

It was a little shocking to me to see how, as each new deception mixes the right and wrong way before it, this layer of the false prophet's last deception is based on higher criticism and trusting counterfeit "Bibles" which were created to uphold false doctrines. Yet there are many good people in churches based on counterfeit scriptures like the Mormon church. That is why in the message of Revelation 18:4, God calls His people out of the vain worship systems symbolized by Babylon. But let's take a closer look at how subtle some of the deception connected with the Book of Mormon are. However, let me clarify as we move on that although I believe Joseph Smith,the man behind the Book of Mormon, to be a false prophet, I do not believe him to be the only false prophet for the last days. I am just using him as an example. Although I believe Mormonism to be a deception, it is certainly not a clumsy one. The church came into being around the time of the Great Advent movement. It even has a health message eliminating alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine very similar to ours. In fact, much of it may appear familiar even to Bible-reading Christians. And the errors are mixed in with truth. For example if the missionary we mentioned had known where to look, a slightly altered rendition of 9 of the commandments, including the Sabbath commandment, is found in chapter 13 verses 12-24 of the Book of Mormon book titled Mosiah. Mosiah 13:16-19 says,

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; But the seventh day, the sabbath of the Lord thy God, thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." This is almost the same as the Bible other than missing the phrase, "and rested the

seventh day:" from Exodus 20:11. But despite the fact that many other Bible verses are used as portions of the book of Mormon, including the Isaiah 53 prophecy of Christ, the story of the wise man and the foolish man, and even the counsel to "beware of false prophets...in sheep's clothing" (3 Nephi 14:15), the pure scriptures are still our safeguard and the standard of truth. Remember

the the Bible says, "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." 1 Corinthians 14:32



The careful student will find things in the Book of Mormon that contradict the Bible. For example, in contrast to Matthew 2:1,4,5 and Micah 5:2 that says Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, Alma 7:10 of the Book of Mormon says, "Behold, he [the Son of God--vs. 9] shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land off our forefathers, she being a virgin..." This is a false prophecy that if believed and taken to its extreme would exclude Jesus Christ from being the promised Messiah since Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This is not a problem for most Mormons since their 8th Article of Faith states, "We believe the a Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God." Consider how higher criticism of God's

Word set Joseph Smith up for greater deception. Joseph Smith did not believe the Bible, even the well-translated KJV then in use, to be translated properly. And so he set about correct it. Although he did not know Greek or Hebrew, so technically could not translate the Bible, this is where the JST or Joseph Smith Translation came from. According to BYU, a Mormon website, "There are at least 3,410 verses of the Joseph Smith Translation that are different from the King James Version." Despite the counsel in Proverbs 30:5,6 saying, "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar," Joseph Smith added words. Some of these verses are added even before the "in the beginning" of Genesis 1:1.

Although there are many discrepancies, we have space to consider only one more contradiction between the book of Mormon and the Bible standard. 2 Nephi 2:22-25 contains some blatant errors. It states, "And now behold if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen... And they would have had no children;" Sorry, wrong statement. The command of God to "be fruitful and multiply" is given in Genesis 1:28 **before** the fall. But the blatant lie about the fall continues in the Book of Mormon, saying "wherefore they [Adam and Eve before the fall] would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin... Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy." Whoa, hold on. Did that just say that Adam fell so men could have joy, and they did no good before sinning in the Garden of Eden? That sounds like serpent language to me. Genesis 1:31, speaking of before the fall, says, "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good..." So there was plenty of good before the fall and sin. The Bible also shows there was joy. Job 38:1, 4,6,7 states, "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,... Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?... When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" So there was joy even before the earth was created. Adam and Eve would have experienced joy too because Psalm 16:11 declares of God, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." God's presence brings fullness of joy, and Genesis 2:19 says God brought the animals to Adam to name, so Adam would have had joy in the presence of God. The record in the Book of Mormon does not match God's word. Therefore the Book of Mormon falls among other spurious scriptures. Isaiah 8:20 declares, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." As the deceptions in these last days become more and more subtle, it behooves the Christian to be like the noble Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11 It's time to study because, "So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement...must be tested." 4 If we would stand true among unexpected deceptions, we need to be "Holding fast the faithful word" that we "may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." Titus 1:9

1a---Signs of the Times, November 1, 1899 par. 4 1b-- <u>Doctrine and Covenants</u>, Section 89, pg. 175 2-- <u>Pearl of Great Price</u>, pg. 60 3-- https://rsc.byu.edu/scriptures-modern-world/joseph-smith-translation-bible 4-- Great Controversy, pg. 593



God's Amazing Bible Creatures

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd... "John 10:11 A shepherd loves and takes care of his



sheep. The Bible says he helps the sheep find food and water (Psalm 23). He bandages the sheep that are hurt (Ezekiel 34:4), and carries the baby sheep that are tired (Isaiah 40:11). See the picture of the man and the rocks? It is from the Bible lands. It shows how the shepherd sits in the door space of the sheep pen where they keep the sheep. The shepherd protects the sheep by being the door to the



sheepfold. That is why in John 10:7,9 it says, "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.... Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out." I'm thankful Jesus is our Good Shepherd, aren't you?