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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Isaiah 40:1-11

Sheep are tended. Cattle are herded, goats and pigs are raised, but sheep require tending. Tending requires presence, attendance. Attention must be focused on the flock, because untended sheep get into trouble. With their strong flocking instinct, sheep will follow other sheep, even into danger. Unlike some other animals, sheep will overeat if not watched. Sheep need to be watered daily, but shy away from rapidly flowing water. Since sheep are hunted by predators, they easily become frightened at unexpected noises, movement, or smells. Sheep feel most secure in a familiar and calm environment. Only then can they get their needed rest. Lambs are particularly vulnerable to predators and exposure.

Some bristle at the comparison: "We are not sheep!" They declare their self-sufficiency. Really? Have you taken a close look at humanity lately? We could use some tending. We shouldn't let pride cause us to wander away from His care.

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