

The Leading of God's Presence pt1

# Follow His Lead

Psalms 23/Isaiah 42:16



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- A major functions of God's Presence is to **LEAD/GUIDE US!**

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In Hebrew literature **paths** are a common image for “*ways of life*”.

Walking on these **paths involves** (several things):

- Moving Forward Toward an Ordained Destination/Purpose
- Making Wise or Foolish Choices along the way
- Staying on the “right” paths rather than taking the wrong ones
- Walking safely and responsibly and not getting lost
- Also, biblical images of the path is designated toward the conduct of a person’s life

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- *I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.*
- **Isa 42:16**

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Due to their makeup it is almost impossible for sheep to be made to lie down unless four requirements are met:

- Free of all fear. (timid nature - ***anxiety***)
- Free from friction with others of their kind. (Social behaviors - ***tension***)
- Free from pests. (tormented by parasites, flies, pest-***aggravations***)
- Free from hunger. (daily provisions –***basic needs***)

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- **Coming to a REST:**
- Means: Rest involves more than mere inactivity. It means to REST from our own WORKS. TO cease from struggling to do things our way & to become totally dependent on God's way.

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- Cast Down Sheep
- Sheep have a tendency to become “*cast sheep*” or “*cast down sheep*”
- Sheep become “Cast Down” when they tip over on their backs with all four legs are pointing in the air!



*Cast Down Sheep*

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- **BARRENNESS INVOLVES:** Unproductivity, Unfruitfulness, Lack



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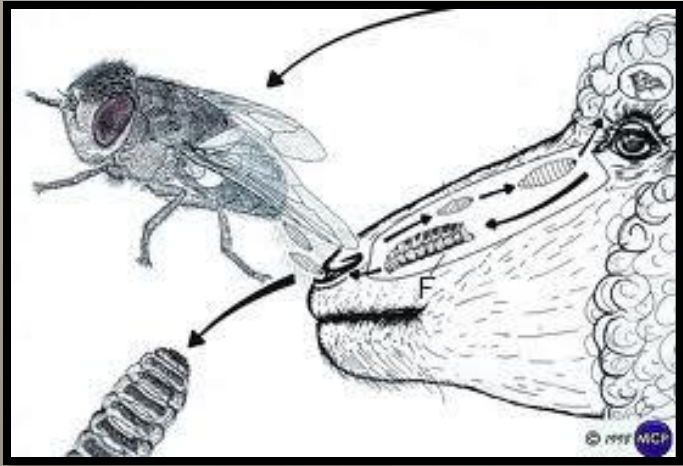


- Rod & Staff provide:
- Protection – *Rod*
- Correction- *Rod & Staff*
- Direction - *Staff*



*Rod & Staff*

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- **Paristies** trouble stock and make their lives miserable
- If parasites are successful with laying eggs in nasal of sheep, the **eggs will hatch** in a few days to form small, slender, worm-like larvae. They work their way up the **nasal passages** into the sheep's head



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• **Oil Is applied to their head for relief of (those little things):**

- *Aggravation*
- *Irritability*
- *Restlessness*
- *Frantic behavior*

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- *You will show me the path of life; **In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Ps16:11***