

were to meet a little waif on the street and ask him "Who is your guardian", and he replied "President Coolidge is my guardian" it would seem preposterous, yet it is not more so than for a human being to declare the Lord is my shepherd.

What a wonderful statement that is - how increditable at first sight and yet we see at how many points in the life of David this truth worked out wonderfully. Jacob at the end of his life declared "Jehovah shepherdeth me". When Daniel was thrust into the lions den after his refusal to act a lie which would have made him give up his faith, he had no fear for he knew that God was taking care of him in this case. We know God protected him from the fangs of the lions and through the ages many generations have realized in a wonderful way that God was really the shepherd of their lives.

The New Testament passage which we read shows us the Lord acting as a shepherd in the world even yet. We are told in the Old Testament "the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep". Jesus died on the Cross that we sheep who had gone astray might be brought back to the fold. It is a wonderful privilege which God gives to be able to say "Truly, the Lord is my shepherd".

Who has the right to say the Lord is my shepherd? Is this a general statement which applies to every human being? It would hardly seem so. It is too wonderful a promise to apply so indiscriminately. Jesus declared as written in the tenth chapter of John - that he knew his sheep and that he gave his life for his sheep, so then our first answer to this question is that these can say "the Lord is my shepherd" who have been reborn again by the blood of Christ. Is it a mere accident that the twenty-third Psalm