

But who is the shepherd's Shepherd? Who takes care of him? Who guides him in the path he should go! and if he wanders, who shall bring him back?

God is the shepherd's Shepherd! He is the Shepherd over all! He takes care of all! The whole earth is his fold: we are all his flock: and the herbs, and green fields, are the pasture which he provides for us.

The mother loves her little child; she brings it up on her knees: she strengthens its body with food; she feeds its mind with knowledge; if it is sick, she nurses it with tender love: she watches over it when asleep: she forgets it not for a moment; she teaches it how to be good: she is happy in his daily growth.

But who is the Parent of the mother? Who feeds her with good things, and watches over her with tender love, and thinks of her always! Whose arms are about her, to guard from harm? and if she is sick, who shall heal her?

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