

WORD

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace. . . . MICAH 5:4,5

In the midst of oppression and hollow peace, God promised His people salvation and true peace. He promised to send a Shepherd, His Son, who chose to sacrifice Himself for us and take away the sins of the world. Jesus is our ultimate Shepherd who provides strength, security, and peace, which no one else can provide. In this lesson, we will take a closer look at our great Shepherd, and who He promises to be for us.

1 God is our strength.

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God, as our Shepherd, strengthens us in our weakness. Without Him, we, His sheep, are limited and incapable. But with Him, we can do all things. How have you learned to draw strength from God in difficult times?

2 God is our security.

. . . And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. MICAH 5:4

Our security should not be based on what we see or what we have. Because circumstances change, if we trust in these, we will become insecure when things don't go our way. But if your security is based on God and what He thinks of us, we won't fall and we won't be afraid of changing circumstances. What do you think it means to *dwell secure*?

3 God is our peace.

And he shall be their peace. . . . MICAH 5:5

God doesn't just give us strength and security—He provides us with peace because He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). This peace is a result of being reconciled to God and receiving His forgiveness for our sins. How is this peace eternal and true, beyond what anything or anyone can give us?
