

Thought for the day – Monday 4th May 2020

The Lamb of God

- Revd John Marshall

We have been watching (re-watching) Lambing Live as it happened; and Springtime on the farm.

One of the delights has been watching the dedication of the farmers and shepherds, it is always impressive, as is the mothering of the ewes and the determination of the new born lambs. The bonding between mother and lamb is remarkable.

William Blake wrote this poem

The Lamb

Little Lamb, who made thee?

Dost thou know who made thee?

Gave thee life, and bid thee feed

By the stream and o'er the mead

Gave thee clothing of delight,

Softest clothing, woolly, bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice,

Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?

Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee

He is called by thy name

For he calls himself a lamb.

He is meek and he is mild;

He became a little child

I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!

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Jesus was described both as the Lamb of God and the Good Shepherd. We can learn from lambs and shepherds, both speak of the love of God.

Song: The UK Blessing - you can watch and listen to it here

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U>

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face towards you

And give you peace

Amen.

May His favour be upon you

and a thousand generations

and your family and your children

and their children, and their children

May His presence go before you

and behind you, and beside you

and around you, and within you

He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening

In your coming, and your going

in your weeping, and rejoicing,

He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you

Amen.

Bible Reading:

(Jesus Said) "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. - John 10:14-16

Further Reading: John 10:1-

18 - <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+10%3A1-18&version=NIV>