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Reading: Hebrews 12:18-24

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The Footsteps of the Flock

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study: 10:45 a.m.

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The Footsteps of the Flock

8: If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

In the previous verse, the Bride has asked the Bridegroom —“Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon.” Now in verse 8 the Bridegroom gives her the information which she desired.

It is instructive, and comforting, to notice how the Bridegroom addresses his Bride—“**O thou fairest among women.**” And this in spite of the fact the she is a sinner.

Here the Son is following the tack of his Father: “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. **And God saw the light, that it was good:** and God divided the light from the darkness.” Genesis 1:3-4. One day the Lord God will divide the light from the darkness in us, too. But in the meantime, in grace, love, and mercy he chooses to look at the light in us. And praises the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives.

If she wants to find the Bridegroom, he instructs her to “**go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock.**”



Question—and just where does she go to find the footsteps of the flock? Answer—in the pages of Holy Scripture.

For starters, consider Hebrews 11—which should be no stranger to us, having already spent many months going through it verse by verse. Many of the **footsteps of the flock** will be found in the Old Testament, which is a mother lode of riches in this area. To name a few names: Rahab, Ruth, Naaman, Esther, David, Samuel, . . .