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BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!- John 1:29

- Some facts about sheep:
- Sheep are social animals who do not like being separated from the flock;
- When alone, they are more susceptible to attack;
- They usually follow older members of the flock;
- Their defense is only to flee;
- They learn their name and respond to the shepherd call.

- They have no accommodation; they must lift the head to see distant objects
- They are gentle and intelligent animals who have the ability in the frontal lobes to recognize special faces (https://www.msdvetmanual.com/behavior/normal-social-behavior-and-behavioral-problems-of-domestic-animals/social-)
- They maintain visual contact with each other (*Crofton, 1958; Kilgour, 1977*); constant monitoring keeps them together as they move.

In Christianity, the imagery of sheep refer to vulnerable human beings who are unable to judge in depth, and need guidance, care and protection from God. While Christians are identified to sheep in character, they are commanded to follow Jesus-Christ the Master Shepherd who is referred to as the Lamb of God.

A lamb is normally a young sheep who has less than one year of age. A lamb is known for his gentleness, innocence and purity. There are stories reported that before killing lambs, butchers normally cover the faces of the animals to avoid looking in their innocent eyes. The Bible said that all we like sheep have gone astray; in other words, all we like sheep have gone away from the purity, innocence and gentleness which exist in a lamb. Jesus-Christ, the gentle, pure and loving Lamb of God shed His innocent blood, and gave His life for our sake, so we can receive this love, this gentleness and this purity again. Jesus is the Lamb at creation, slain before the foundation of the world, the Lamb at Passover, foreshadowing the antitypical Lamb of God that took the sin of the

world at Calvary; and He is the Lamb of God who sits on the throne and has overcome to open the book of life for our sake.

N reference to the second coming of Jesus, John wrote in Revelation 6: 15-17:

- And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Verily a lamb as no wrath, but the wickedness of men could not stand the gentleness and innocence of Jesus-Christ as His second coming; they simply could not see His face. Jesus died for us so we might become like Him, lambs of God, living sacrifices for God. He became our Lamb so we might become His lambs

Do you want to see His face in the beauty of gentleness, in the beauty of purity and in the beauty of love at His return? Do you want to behold His face without fear? Behold Him every day through His Word. You will be change in His likeness to see His wonderful face soon.

May God help us all. Amen!

Yours in the blessed hope.

- Edem Fabrice Ameyou

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