



THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S TOOLBOX

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Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. PSALM 23:4 ESV

In ancient times, the first thing a young shepherd boy would do is find a sapling in nature from which he could whittle his _____.

The Rod of God

In ancient times, the rod was the shepherd's _____.

Other places in the Bible the rod appears ...

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The _____ is the rod of God.

_____ is part of the bedrock of Christian orthodoxy and tradition.

For most people today, even some Christians, their _____ are more important than what the _____ says.

The Shepherd's Staff

| ROD | STAFF |
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| Power | |
| Authority | |
| Defense | |

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4 ESV

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ISAIAH 40:1-2 ESV

The shepherd's staff also gives us the opportunity to think about the role of the _____ in our lives.

The third member of the holy trinity is the _____ that Jesus sent after He ascended to the Father. JOHN 14:18-31, 16:4-15