

“Flock Security”

Have you kept up with all the flap regarding “flock cameras”? AI powered flock cameras, developed by Flock Security Services for enhancing law enforcement efforts, provide unprecedented surveillance of cars across the nation. Through a network of sophisticated flock surveillance cameras police can identify and accurately track any given car by its license plate number, color, model, dents in the car’s body, and even bumper stickers. Estimates are that over 20 billion vehicle scans can now be made each month through 120,000 cameras positioned across the United States!

Criticisms regarding the need for such flock surveillance techniques and the possible abuse of such sensitive data and tracking have generated considerable doubt as to the use of such surveillance and its legality. Given the numerous legal challenges and criticisms, “Flock Surveillance” (named after the company that developed such sophisticated technology) may soon become a thing of the past.

The Scriptures speak of another sort of “flock surveillance” that promises to be around for all times – now and to come. This flock surveillance is the divine flock security network provided by the Lord. It is operational 24 X 7, year-round, and provides benevolent oversight of our lives and decidedly not any harm, threats, or intrusions.

Jesus speaks of this flock security in this way: “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep...My sheep listen to My voice...they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand.” (John 10)

Although some may deny the need for such surveillance or question God’s motives behind such flock surveillance, the Lord assures us that a true need for His shepherding love exists lest we fall into untoward dangers. He further assures us that His flock security is prompted by His faithful and ever-loving desire to watch over us, protect us, and nurture us.

The Lord is ever vigilant in watching over His flock. He knows each one of His lambs; there is not even one of your needs or mine that escapes His attention. His love for you is of such depth that nothing can ever separate you from His love: “neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all

creation...” (Romans 8) Yes, we shall not want, and into His pleasant and gracious pastures of eternal life and joy He will faithfully lead. (Psalm 23)

“He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart...So do not fear, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God...” (Isaiah 41)

Now that’s what you call true flock security – the everlasting package of His flock care that is yours and mine through Christ Jesus.

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