



The Shepherd Mantle Scroll

Witness

Jacob — Shepherd of the Flock

Jacob understood that people are more than numbers.

They are souls.

They are families.

They are hearts.

They are lives entrusted to the care of others.

Throughout his ministry Jacob taught repentance, defended truth, strengthened faith, and labored for the welfare of his people.

He was not merely concerned with what people knew.

He was concerned with who they were becoming.

This is the heart of the shepherd mantle.

The shepherd sees people.

Not crowds.

Not statistics.

Not followers.

People.

The shepherd mantle exists because every flock requires guidance, protection, nourishment, and care.

The Function

The shepherd mantle exists to guide, feed, protect, nurture, and strengthen the flock.

The shepherd helps people grow.

The shepherd watches over souls.

The shepherd provides direction.

The shepherd strengthens the weak.

The shepherd comforts the wounded.

The shepherd helps restore those who wander.

A shepherd does not simply point the way.

A shepherd walks among the flock.

The shepherd understands that growth takes time.

Maturity takes patience.

Healing takes care.

The shepherd remains present through every season.

Bible Witness

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." — Psalm 23:1

"Feed my sheep." — John 21:17

Book of Mormon Witness

Jacob labored diligently among his people, teaching them the word and calling them to repentance. — Jacob 1–2

Both sticks testify that shepherds care for souls and help guide them toward Elohim.

The Responsibility

The shepherd mantle carries the responsibility of care.

The shepherd must remain attentive.

The shepherd must notice when someone struggles.

The shepherd must recognize when someone wanders.

The shepherd must protect against harmful influences.

The shepherd must be willing to sacrifice comfort for the welfare of the flock.

Many desire leadership.

Few desire responsibility for souls.

The shepherd often carries burdens that others never see.

The shepherd rejoices when the flock grows.

The shepherd grieves when the flock suffers.

This mantle requires patience.

It requires compassion.

It requires endurance.

Bible Witness

"The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." — John 10:11

Book of Mormon Witness

Jacob declared that he felt responsibility before Elohim for the welfare of the people entrusted to him. — Jacob 1:19

The shepherd understands that stewardship involves accountability.

The Mind of Christ

The shepherd mantle remains governed by the Crown Mantle.

Christ is the Good Shepherd.

Every true shepherd learns from Him.

Without the Mind of Christ, shepherding becomes control.

Without the Mind of Christ, guidance becomes manipulation.

Without the Mind of Christ, leadership becomes ownership.

The shepherd does not own the flock.

The flock belongs to Elohim.

The shepherd is merely a steward.

The shepherd serves.

The shepherd guides.

The shepherd protects.

The shepherd points people toward Christ rather than toward himself.

Bible Witness

"I am the good shepherd." — John 10:11

Book of Mormon Witness

Christ repeatedly invited people to come unto Him and be gathered as a shepherd gathers his flock. — 3 Nephi 10:4–6

The perfect example of shepherding is found in Christ.

Mission Application

A person walking in the shepherd mantle today may:

- Mentor others.

- Care for families.
- Guide younger believers.
- Encourage those who struggle.
- Help restore those who wander.
- Build healthy communities.
- Strengthen relationships.
- Provide spiritual direction and support.

The shepherd mantle often appears wherever people are being cared for and strengthened.

Parents.

Mentors.

Pastors.

Counselors.

Teachers.

Community builders.

All may reflect aspects of shepherding.

The Charge

Care for the flock.

Protect the vulnerable.

Guide faithfully.

Strengthen the weak.

Remain patient.

Walk in compassion.

Lead by example.

Serve humbly.

Watch over souls.

Point people toward Christ.

Let love guide your leadership.

Let compassion strengthen your service.

Let Christ remain your Shepherd.

For the shepherd mantle exists not to gather followers, but to care for souls entrusted by Elohim.

Supporting Precepts

Bible

- Psalm 23
- Ezekiel 34:11–16
- John 10:11–16
- John 21:15–17
- 1 Peter 5:2–4

Book of Mormon

- Jacob 1:19
- Jacob 2:1–11
- Mosiah 18:8–10
- Alma 5:37–39
- 3 Nephi 10:4–6

