

# Ezekiel 34:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

## Analysis

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"And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD." The final verse emphasizes relationship: God acknowledges ownership and responsibility. The phrase "are men" highlights both human frailty and divine condescension. God shepherds weak, vulnerable creatures—not because they deserve it but because He chooses them. The covenant formula "I am your God" establishes permanent relationship. This is sovereign grace: God binding Himself to unworthy people through covenant commitment. The Reformed emphasis on divine election appears: God chooses His flock according to sovereign will.

## Historical Context

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The exiles (586 BC) needed assurance that despite judgment, covenant relationship continued. God's "I am your God" promised preservation and restoration. This sustained Jewish faith through persecution and diaspora. Christ expanded "my flock" to include Gentiles (John 10:16), creating one flock under one shepherd. The church experiences this covenant relationship: adopted as God's children (Romans 8:15-17), claimed as His own (Titus 2:14). The promise demonstrates covenant faithfulness transcending human unfaithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

### Study Questions

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1. How does God's acknowledgment "ye are men" demonstrate divine condescension and grace?
2. What does covenant relationship "I am your God" guarantee about eternal security?

### Interlinear Text

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And ye	my flock	my flock	of my pasture	are men	And ye	H589
H859	H6629	H6629	H4830	H120	H859	
וְאֵלֵינוּ	נֹאמַר	אֲדַבֵּר	יְהוָה:			
and I am your God	saith	the Lord	GOD			
H430	H5002	H136	H3069			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 100:3** (References God): Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**John 10:16** (Parallel theme): And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

**Psalms 78:52** (Parallel theme): But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

**Ezekiel 36:38** (References Lord): As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

**Psalms 80:1** (Parallel theme): Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

**Acts 20:28** (References God): Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**Isaiah 40:11** (Parallel theme): He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

**Psalms 95:7** (References God): For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

**John 10:11** (Parallel theme): I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

**Jeremiah 23:1** (References Lord): Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.