

## The Good Shepherd (Part 2)

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THE IMMEDIATE context is that CHRIST is addressing the FALSE SHEPHERDS of ISRAEL.

- He is addressing them about a man born blind, whom He had healed.
- And He is addressing them because they had cast him out of JUDAISM.
- Jesus began TEACHING them – that He is the GOOD SHEPHERD.
- But that the SHEPHERD only came back to SAVE the REMNANT.

We have seen HIM teach four qualities of the GOOD SHEPHERD.

1) The Legitimate Shepherd – He came to Israel in a legitimate way. John 10:1 – [1] *“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.”*

- John 10:2 – [2] *“But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.”*

2) The Pursuing Shepherd – 10:3b – [3b] *The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”*

- That He came for His own of the Tribe of Israel. According to God’s decree of election. Jesus comes to SAVE them.

3) The Leading Shepherd – 10:4 – [4] *When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

- Christ leads His sheep by the Word of God.

4) The Exclusive Shepherd – 10:7 – [7] *So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.*

- New METAPHOR. Still have the PICTURE of the SHEEPFOLD in mind.
- But CHRIST is the one exclusive DOOR by which SHEEP can enter and exit.
  - Christ is the EXCLUSIVE WAY of SALVATION and the GREAT STUMBLING BLOCK of SALVATION.

### 5) The Saving Shepherd

10:9 – [9] *I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.*

- JESUS – I am... the DOOR.
  - Here is one of those great I AM STATEMENTS. As we have seen.
  - If anyone enters by the DOOR... If anyone enters by CHRIST...
  - He will be SAVED.
- There are three ELEMENTS of the CHRISTIAN LIFE. The SAVING SHEPHERD PROVIDES.
  - SECURITY – Sozo. – he will be saved.
    - Of COURSE sheep face all types of DANGERS.
    - They are VIRTUALLY defenseless. Wolves. Lions. Bears. Robbers. All sorts of predators pray on SHEEP.
    - ABSTRACTED: But what is the PRIMARY DANGER that we as people FACE?
    - The PRIMARY DANGER is the JUDGMENT and WRATH of GOD.
    - Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 1:10 – *Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come...*
    - Revelation 6:15 – [15] *Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid*

*themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, [16] calling on the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, [17] for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"*

- The WRATH is for UNFORGIVEN SINNERS.
  - Sproul – “What every human being needs to be saved from is God. The last thing in the world the impenitent sinner ever wants to meet on the other side of the grave is God. But the glory of the gospel is that the One from whom we need to be saved is the very One who saves us. God in saving us saves us from Himself.”
  - That is the WORK of CHRIST on the cross.
  - John 3:16 – [16] *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal LIFE.*
  - That is SALVATION.
- FREEDOM – “*and will go in and out*”... The capacity to go in and out. The SHEEP are free to go in and out to PASTURE. Of course led by their SHEPHERD... there is a freedom HERE.
- Psalm 121:8 – [8] *The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*
  - You enjoy Christian FREEDOM wherever you are to go.
  - Galatians 5:1 – [1] *For freedom Christ has set us free.*
- You don’t live with the fear of DEATH or HELL.
- Do you hear this ASSURANCE? Romans 8:38 – [38] *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
  - Rom 5:1 – *Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God...*
  - Isaiah 54:10 – [10] *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*
  - John 10:28 – [28] *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.*
  - If you have called on the NAME of the LORD, you are meant to LIVE with that type of ASSURANCE.
  - If you are SAVED and NOTHING can STOP you from being SAVED.
- NOURISHMENT – God nourishes your soul through the WORD of GOD. Find Pasture. The Good Shepherd saves His sheep by leading them to pasture.
- Pasture is specifically where the sheep WOULD FIND FOOD.
  - Psalm 100:3 – [3] *Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*
  - The WORD of GOD is what GOD uses to FEED HIS SHEEP.
  - Deuteronomy 8 - “*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word which comes from the mouth of God.*”
  - Psalm 119:103 – [103] *How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

- Through the WORD of GOD, the SHEPHERD feeds us. With the truths of the GOSPEL.
- The PROBLEM with so much of AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY...is that the PEOPLE are FAMISHED.
- Amos 8:11 – [11] *Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. [12] They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.*

## 6) The Life-Giving Shepherd

10:10 – [10] *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

- The THEIF comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.
- This is what FALSE TEACHERS do.
- They steal your soul (*klepto*). They kill your soul (*thuo*). They destroy your soul (*apollumi*).
  - When Jesus was in the synagogue in Capernaum – the Demons pleaded with Jesus not to *destroy* them.
  - *It is a DEATH that means JUDGMENT.*
  - Luke 17:27 – [27] *They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*
  - Jude 5 – [5] *Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.*
  - *This is what FALSE TEACHERS do. They steal your soul. They kill your soul. They destroy your soul.*
- JESUS never warned anyone about the danger of the ROMANS. But He always warned them about the danger of the SCRIBES and PHARISEES.
  - Romans 1:22 – [22] *Claiming to be wise, they became fools, [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. [24] Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, [25] because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*
- The WORLDVIEW of the SECULARISTS will LAND YOU IN HELL. Destroy the SOUL.

On the contrary, Christ CAME that we may have LIFE. And not just LIFE. But *perissos*. Abundant LIFE.

- An extraordinary life. An extravagant life.
- Lexical definition – Going beyond what is necessary.
- John 1:4 – [4] *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*
- John 1:16 – [16] *For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.*
- 1) *It is NEW LIFE*
  - John 3:3 – [3] *Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
- 2) *It is ETERNAL LIFE*
  - *Aionion* – a Never ending reality; a period without end.
  - John 3:15 – [15] *that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

- John 3:16 – [16] *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*
- John 4:14 – [14] *whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*
- John 5:24 – [24] *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*
- John 6:47 – [47] *Truly, truly I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.*
- John 10:28 – [28] *I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*
- 3) It is SPIRITUAL LIFE
  - John 7:38 – [38] *Whoever believed in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ [39] Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19 – [19] *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20] for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*
  - Romans 8:9 – [9] *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.*
- 4) It is RELATIONAL LIFE
  - John 17:3 – [3] *And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*
  - We are meant to know our GOOD SHEPHERD. We are meant to COMMUNE with Him intimately.
  - That is the essence of the CHRISTIAN LIFE.
- 5) It is RIGHTEOUS LIFE
  - John 13:15 – [15] *For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.*
- 6) It is a HEAVENLY LIFE
  - John 14:2 – [2] *In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself. That where I am you may be also.*