SERMON STARTERS
Series: THE SHEPHERD MINISTRY OF JESUS

Message # 1

“THE GOOD SHEPHERD”
John 10:11
“\textit{I am the good shepherd.}”

Intro.

1. Jesus is presented in Scripture as a three-fold Shepherd:
   - In John 10 – The Good Shepherd, Who gives His life for the sheep;
   - In Hebrews 13 – The Great Shepherd, Who cares for His sheep;
   - In I Peter 5 – The Chief Shepherd, Who comes for His sheep.

2. The Shepherdhood of the Savior is the fulfillment of one of the prophecies of Isaiah: “\textit{He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.}” (Isaiah 40:11)

3. It is very interesting that the well known trilogy of Psalms, Psalm 22, 23 and 24 compare so clearly with the three Shepherd titles of the Lord Jesus. NOTE:

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4. In this first of three studies we will consider the ministry of Jesus as “The Good Shepherd” based upon John 10 and Psalm 22. \textit{As The Good Shepherd}:

I. \textbf{HE SEEKS FOR HIS SHEEP, v. 16}

“I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

A. The Concern For The Sheep.
   2. READ Luke 15!

B. The Condition Of The Sheep.
   1. A\textit{stray} – Isa. 53:6 “\textit{All we like sheep have gone astray …..}”
   2. Shepherd\textit{less} – Mark 6:34 “Jesus was moved with compassion because they were as sheep having no shepherd.”
   3. Lost – Luke 19:10 “\textit{The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost.”}
   4. In Danger of the Storm,Rom.1:18; of the Lion, I Pet. 5:8;of Wolves, Matt. 7:15.

C. The Calls To The Sheep.
   1. Read John 10:3,4,16,27

\textbf{Summation:} The Good Shepherd seeks for the sheep because of His concern about
their condition and consequently He calls to them.

II. HE SUFFERED FOR THE SHEEP.
1. “The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

2. “I lay down My life for the sheep.” (John 10:15)

3. “I lay down My life that I may take it again.” (John 10:17)

4. “lay it down of Myself” (John 10:18a)

5. “I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.” (John 10:18b)

Compare the Suffering Shepherd in Psalm 22 with Matthew 27:
- Psalm 22:1 cf. Matt. 27:46;
- Psalm 22:2 cf. Matt. 26:45;
- Psalm 22: 15 cf. Matt. 27:34;
- Psalm 22:17 cf. Matt. 27:36;

**Summation:** The seeking Shepherd offered Himself as the supreme, sufficient sacrifice for the sheep.

III. HE SAVES AND SECURES THE SHEEP.
1. He Saves the sheep:
   John 10:9 “I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.”

2. He Secures the sheep:
   John 10:28 “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

**Summation:** The Good Shepherd seeks His sheep, suffered for His sheep in order to save and secure His sheep. No wonder He is called “The Good Shepherd!” Is He your Shepherd?

“The Good Shepherd sought this sheep,
   I was famished, and faint, and lone;
He lifted me with His hands of love,
   He saved this lost and wandering one.

Jesus my Good Shepherd forever is,
   For it was He who broke sin’s hold;
It was He who sought and saved me
   And brought me into His fold.”

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