

PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD John 10:1-18



Prophecy Against the Shepherds of Israel – Ezekiel 34:1-6

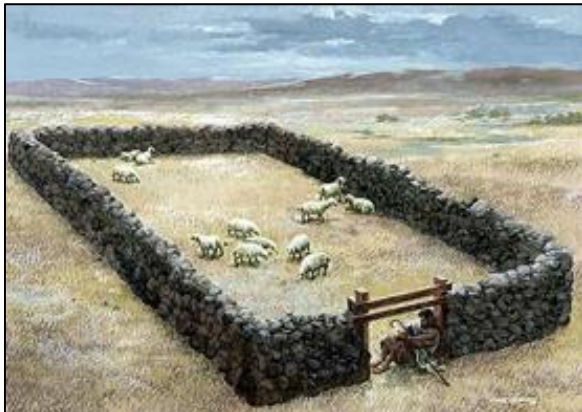
34 The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; ⁶they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

I Am the Good Shepherd

10 “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. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

The Sheepfold & Gatekeeper



Community Sheepfold

- One large, central pen, (sheepfold) for a given community
- End of the day, shepherds brought their small, individual flocks into it

Gatekeeper

- Community pooled their resources to pay a gatekeeper
- Spent the night with the flock
- Protected from thieves & outside threats
- Laid across gate (opening) to stay aware

Morning

- Gatekeeper opened the gate to the true shepherds
- True shepherds could enter the sheepfold and retrieve their sheep
- Flocks all mixed up
- Shepherd knew his sheep
 - ✓ picked them out
 - ✓ called with a signal
 - ✓ called by individual name

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

1-6 HOW JESUS IS THE TRUE SHEPHERD

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False Shepherds in the Church today:

Sources	Prevention
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the outside• From the inside<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ False teachers who "look like angels of light"○ Moralism○ Legalism○ Antinomian• How it takes root<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Educational channels○ Institutional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correct, reprove, rebuke, exhort• Contend for the scriptures• High expectations on leaders• Check on lay leaders (teachers, curriculum)• Protect the flock

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Luke 15:4

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?”

