

“The Good Shepherd”

John 10:1-15

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Outline

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:1-15

I. What Jesus is to the Sheep.

Our Good Shepherd

Middle Eastern Shepherds

Sheep

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Living as if God is Our Shepherd

1. It means obeying God comprehensively.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Elijah

2. It means obeying God experientially.

3. It means we obey God joyfully.

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“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.” Ephesians 1:18

II. What Jesus Does for His Sheep.

“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (vs. 11, 15) “I know my own sheep.” (vs. 14)

“No one can snatch them away from me.”(vs. 28)

The Implications