

PREFACE: RENEWED PLAN & EFFORTS

- A. **RECENT DISAPPOINTMENTS & NEW EFFORTS** (see *The Shepherd Leader* by Witmer, P&R, 2010)
- B. **PERSONAL CARE** (see Lk.6:14; 8:51; 15:4f; 19:2f)
- C. **CONTEXT OF CORPORATE OCCASIONS** (“sheep”(pl.), flock; Witmer, *macro*”; Mt.5:1f; Acts 2:1f,3; 42)
- D. **TEXT OF INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS** (“sheep”(s.); Witmer, *micro*”; see Lk.8:40f,45f; 19:1f; 1C.12:27)
- E. **EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE IN MUTUAL CARE** (“flock” (fellowship) vs. “scattered”; see Jn.15:12f; 1Jn.3:11,etc.; see Eph.4:12-16; see Mt.18:12f,15f; Rom.15:14)

INTRODUCTION: THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP

- A. **HIS SHEEP, FLOCK** (Ps.78:52; 79:13; 100:3; 119:176; Is.40:11; Jer.23:1-3; Ezk.34:6,8,10-12,15,17,19,22,31; Jn.10:26,27; 21:16,17; Acts 20:28b)
- B. **THEIR SHEPHERD** (Ps.23:1; 28:9; 80:1; Jer.23:3f; Ezk.34:11; Rev.7:17 /Jn10:11,14; Heb13:20; 1Pt5:4)
- C. **HIS SHEPHERDS** (Ps.78:71,72; Ezk.34:23,24; 37:24; Jn.21:15-17; Acts 20:28a; Heb.13:20,17,18; 1Pt.5:4,1f)

POINT: GENERAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SHEPHERDS

INTRODUCTION: PARTS OF THE WHOLE

- 1. *a manifold ministry* (Ex.34:4,16; Zech.11:16; 1Th.5:14,12f; “heed, feed, lead, weed”)
- 2. *logical order; priorities* (below; see Mt.28:18-20)

- A. **KNOW THE SHEEP** (Prv.27:23f; Jer.3:15; Jn.10:3,14,27; Acts 20:28; Tt.1:7,5; eg, Lk.2:8)
- B. **PRAY FOR THE SHEEP** (Lk.22:32; Jn.17:1f; see Rom.1:10; Eph.1:16; 2Tm.1:3; Phm.1:4)
- C. **DELIVER THE OPPRESSED** (1Sam.17:34(Ps.22:19); Ezk.34:1f,16b,17f,21f; Jer.23:1f; Jn.10:1f; 11-15,17f(Zech.11:17),28f; Acts 2:20; 20:28-31; Mt.18:17; Rom.7:24f; 1Cor.5:13; 2Tm.2:26)
- D. **SEEK THE SCATTERED** (lost, Ps.44:11(Jn.10:12,16); 1Kngs.22:17; Ps.119:176; Jer.23:3; Ezk.34:4,16,12; Zech.11:16; Mt.9:36(Mk.6:34); 18:12f,15f; Lk.15:4f)
- E. **LEAD THE WANDERING** (lost, Num.27:17; Ps.23:1f; Jer.3:15; Jn.10:3,9; 21:15f; Acts 20:28; 1Cor.11:1(1Tm.3:1ff; Heb.5:12f(Jer.3:15); 2Tm.3:14-17; Acts 2:42; 20:27; 1Pt.2:25)
- F. **STRENGTHEN THE WEAK** (Ezk.34:4,16; Ps.23:1f; see 1Th.5:14; Heb.5:12f)
- G. **HEAL THE SICK** (Ezk.34:4,16; see Lk.4:40; 10:9; Acts 6:1f; Jms.5:14f)
- H. **SET THE BROKEN** (Ezk.34:4,16; Zech.11:16; 1Th.5:14; see Mt.5:9; Jms.3:18,13f(2Tm.2:24); see Heb.12:12,13,5f)
- I. **CARE FOR THE PERISHING** (Zech.11:16; see Mt.25:36; Lk.6:32f)
- J. **SUSTAIN THE ONE STANDING** (Zech.11:16; see Mt.10:2; 24:13; 1Th.4:1,10; 5:14)

USE: CORRESPONDING DUTIES OF SHEEP

- A. **BE A LAMB TO GOD** (2Sam.12:3; Is.40:11; Jn.21:15; see Jn.1:29,36(34) w/Eph.1:5; Mt.18:3; vs.Ezk.34:17f)
- B. **JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, LOOK TO HIM** (Ps23:1; 100:3; Ezk34:11f,23f; 37:24; Mt2:6; Jn.10:1ff; 11,14; Heb.13:20; 1Pt.2:25; 5:4)
- C. **THEREFORE, SUBMIT TO HIS UNDERSHEPHERDS** (Jer.3:15; 23:4; Jn.21:15; 1Tm.5:17(1,2Tm.; Tt.); 1Th.5:12f; Heb.13:20,17; 1Pt.5:1f,5)
 - 1. *know His shepherds voice* (Jn.10:4,14,16; 5:25f; 18:37; Heb.3:7f; Rev.3:20; Jer.3:13f,15f; Lk.3:22; 9:35; see 1Th.5:12,13; 1Tm.5:17)
 - 2. *follow His shepherds example & teaching* (Acts 20:28; 1Tm.4:16; see Jn.10:4f, 26f(1Jn.2:19); 1Th.5:12; Heb.13:17; 1Pt.2:25; see 1Cor.4:16; 11:1,etc.; 2Th.3:7,9; 1Tm.4:11,12f; 2Tm.3:10f)
 - 3. *pray for His shepherds* (1Th.5:25; 2Th.3:1; Heb.13:18; see 2Cor.2:16; 3:5,6)

Brethren, what shall WE do? (see Acts 2:37f)