

# Elders and Deacons (I)

## *The Biblical Pattern for Eldership*

Acts 20:28

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### Introduction

#### 1. *The Church is God's Flock*

- a. Throughout the Bible, the Members of the Church are called Sheep
- b. Throughout the Bible, God is the Shepherd of His Sheep
  - i. God's Sheep are *Vulnerable*
  - ii. God's Sheep are *Apt to Wander*
  - iii. God's Sheep are *Hungry*
- c. Summary/Application

#### 2. *God Rules His Church through Under-Shepherds*

- a. OT Foreshadowings of the Chief Shepherd
- b. OT Foreshadowings of NT Under-shepherds
- c. NT Under-shepherds are the Elders of the Church

#### 3. *How God Rules His Church through Under-Shepherds*

- a. God's Sheep are Vulnerable - Under-Shepherds *Protect* them!
- b. God's Sheep are Apt to Wander - Under-Shepherds *Lead* them!
- c. God's Sheep are Hungry - Under-Shepherds *Feed* them!