

The Good Shepherd (II) (John 10:11-22)

- John 10 Jesus teaches that he is the true Shepherd in contrast to the Pharisees
- John 9 Pharisees cast the man born blind out of the synagogue for defending Jesus
- The context for Jesus teaching how false shepherds abuse & misuse the sheep
- In contrast, the Good Shepherd knows His sheep, He lays down His life for them
- He is raised to life, therefore is preeminently qualified to give them eternal life.

I. The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life for the Sheep. (10:11-13)

- True shepherd: vs. 11 I am the good shepherd [who] lays down his life for the sheep
- Earthly shepherds won't die for sheep, Jesus lays down His whole life for the sheep
- Jesus is contrasted with a hireling who may work hard but who doesn't really care
- The hireling will not risk his life for the sheep (when the wolf comes, he flees)

II. Good Shepherd Knows His Sheep Personally (14-15)

- The Pharisees are strangers & robbers in their relationship with the sheep (10:5-8)
- Jesus knows the sheep intimately and personally (3-4) He applies Himself to them.
- Truth expressed here: knowledge of experience & intimate fellowship with the sheep
- There is a chain of personal intimacy from Father to the Son & to the redeemed
- Jesus' death was particular; it was specifically for God's children (Eph 5:25)

III. Good Shepherd Has Sheep throughout the World –They Are One Fold (16)

- “Sheepfold” represents present believers- specifically Jews but there are other sheep
- Jesus came to save Jews & Gentiles, to bring them in & make one fold (Gal 3:28)
- This was God's plan from the start when He covenanted with Abraham (Gen 18:18)
- The Jews would realize this after the Holy Spirit came in Acts – not Peter (11:18)

IV Good Shepherd Obediently & Completely Submits to Father's Will (17-18)

- Jesus lays down His life: “The Father loves me because I lay down my life...”
- Jesus Had given His life: had He not given it He would not be able to take it up
- His death was not defeat but a victory: His life was His to offer up freely
- Dying and rising again: These are deeds of perfect & purposeful obedience & love

Conclusion (19-22)

- Divided response of Jesus' hearers: understandable – two responses of all people
- Those who love the darkness: He has a demon, He is a madman, a fool (20)
- Those who are naked, poor & needy: who hear, believe and receive eternal life