

Part I. “I AM” the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-10)

- Context: healing of the man born blind: Pharisees cast him out (John 9)
- Psalm 23 & Psalm 80 describe for us God as the Shepherd of Israel
- Psalm 119:176 & Isaiah 53:6 describe people as sheep going astray
- Isaiah 56:9-12; Ezekiel 34: failure of God’s ministers to watch over his sheep
- Ezek 34 prophesies: coming Shepherd, 1 Shepherd ‘My servant David’

I. The Allegory: Shepherd & Sheep (10:1-5)

- “most assuredly” –Jesus teaching now with the healing of blind man
- contrasts between Jesus & Pharisees: I AM the door/good Shepherd
- allegory: sheep enclosure, walls with a small door for sheep to stay in
- true shepherd enters by doorway, thieves, robbers climb over the walls
- He enters by the door, the Shepherd of the sheep by God’s authority(2)
- The sheep recognize His voice & will in no way listen to another (v.5)
- Jesus contrasts His love & care for - sheep, Pharisees, selfish & abusive

II. Interpretation: “I AM the Door” the Only Way To God (10: 6-10)

- Jesus: only door to the sheep, He is the only door for the sheep to God
- All other so called avenues to God are false & are not doors at all
- God’s sheep are not deceived & won’t accept substitutes for Christ (9)
- All who believe in Jesus will be saved “they will go in and out” (9)
- All who believe in Jesus will grow in grace, “they will find pasture” (9)
- Jesus comes to give life in abundance – Satan comes to destroy, & His counterfeit ‘shepherds’: hirelings, thieves who steal kill & destroy (10)