

The Good Shepherd

John 10:1-18

The prophet says, “All we like sheep have gone astray” (Isa. 53:6). In this parable, man is compared to sheep and Christ is the Shepherd. Men are like sheep- lost in sin and in need of guidance. Christ came into the world to teach men the way to heaven, by his teaching and example, he will lead us.

I. The Comparison- verses 1-6

- Salvation- verse 1. Christ uses this to illustrate the way to heaven (Acts 4:12)
- Shepherd- verse 2. Christ is the great shepherd.
- Saviour- verse 3. The door to God’s salvation is opened by Christ to those who accept his leading.
- Strangers- verses 4-5. Sinners do not follow Christ because they do not know his voice.
- Spiritual- verse 6. This parable is a spiritual lesson not understood by worldly people.

II. The Christ- verses 7-15

- Person- verse 7. Christ is the door. He is the only way of salvation. Christ is personal- eight times in John, he says, “**I am**”.
- Pardon- verse 9 Those who come to Christ will be saved. He turns none away (Ro. 10:13).
- Personality- verses 10-11. He came to give us life and more abundantly.
- Protection- verse 15. He gave his life for the sheep. We are always safe in him.

III. The Concern- verses 16-18

- Soul winning- verse 16. The world needs Christ. Christians should not be content with being saved- they should feel compelled to reach the lost (Mk 16:15).
- Surrender-verse 17. Christ gave his life willingly. He died for all people everywhere- John 3:16.
- Sacrifice- verse 18. “No one can kill me without my consent...For I have the right and the power to lay it down when I want to and power to take it again”.

Conclusion: When sheep refuse to follow the shepherd, they go astray, they face the possibility of being killed by other animals. As long as we remain in Christ, and he is us, no harm can come to us. If we stray from him, we forfeit his protection and guidance, let’s follow our shepherd closely.