

The Way Of The Shepherd

John 10:1- 14



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Introduction

- Illustration of shepherd with his sheep is often used in biblical times because it was an illustration that people could easily identify in their cultural context
- The sheep and shepherd illustrates this relationship between God and us.

I. The Shepherd Forms His Flock

10:1-6

- Palestinian sheep folds/pen are walled enclosures near the village.
- Numerous shepherds would place their flocks in the fold at night and take their own sheep out in the morning.
- Context: Christ is the Shepherd, and the fold is Judaism
- “other sheep”- Gentiles

- A. The shepherd comes the proper way
vs. 10:1- 2
- The shepherd has a right to the sheep and does not need to sneak into the fold or climb over the wall.

B. The shepherd is received by the
door keeper
vs. 10:3a

II. The Shepherd Feeds The Flock vs. 10:7 - 10

- A. The shepherd is the door to salvation and abundant life
- Perfect safety for the sheep lay in being with the shepherd
 - Spiritual salvation and abundant life is provided by one's union with him
 - It's the best alternative to the voices and pressures (thieves and robbers) that tries to turn us away from God

III. The Shepherd Protects His Flock vs. 10: 11 - 18

- A. The shepherd dies for his sheep (vs. 11- 13)
 - Shepherd's life is committed to protecting the sheep even at the expense of his own life
 - Unlike hirelings who protects themselves, true shepherds dies for their sheep
 - Christ, our good shepherd.

- B. The shepherd knows his sheep (vs. 14 – 15)
 - None will be lost because he knows all about them
 - Every sheep matters

Application

Three Significant Blessings :

1. The benefits of salvation
 2. The benefits of significance
 3. The benefits of security
- John 10:27-29