

# THE SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

John 10:1-6

Part II

Introduction:

## 1. The Illustration

A) Jesus' story in John 10:1-5

- > The shepherd enters through the door of the sheepfold
- > The doorkeeper opens the door for him
- > The shepherd knows his own sheep and their names
- > The shepherd leads his sheep out of the sheep fold, and they follow him

## 2. The Lesson

A) Jesus is identifying two kinds of individuals who are seeking access to the sheep – Jewish people

> Thieves and robbers

They have no authority to enter so they cannot come through the door (John 10:1)

Their presence and voice will frighten the sheep (John 10:5)

The blind man parents (John 9:19-22)

They do not have the sheep's' best interest in mind

They will kill and destroy the sheep (John 10:10)

This had been a problem for a long time (Ezekiel 34:1-4)

This will continue to be problem

According to Jesus (Matthew 7:15)

According to Paul (Acts 20:25-31)

According to Peter (2 Peter 2:1-3)

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> The Shepherd (John 10:2)

Jesus is the Shepherd who is authorized to enter via the door (John 10:11)

Jesus has been sent by God to His sheep (John 9:4, 29-33)

The doorkeeper recognizes Jesus as the Shepherd and opens to door to the sheepfold

What is the door ... the right means of entrance for Jesus?

The Word of God (Matthew 5:17-20)

The testimony of John the Baptist (John 1:19-34)

The miracles (John 9:30-33; 10:24-25)

Who is the doorkeeper?

The Holy Spirit is the doorkeeper (Luke 1:39-41)

The sheep recognize their Shepherd's voice (John 10:3b)

The response of the formerly blind man (John 9:35-38)

B) Jesus gives insight into some marvelous truths about redemption

> The Shepherd calls "His own" sheep

This points us toward that marvelous and awe inspiring doctrine of election (Acts 10:48; Romans 9:10-13; Galatians 1:13-16a)

Jesus sought out the blind man who heard and recognized His voice

He calls them by name – the personal relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep

God records the names of His people in the Book of Life (Phil. 4:2-3)

There are those whose names are not recorded in this book (Revelation 17:7-8)

C) Jesus leads His sheep out and they follow Him because they know His voice

> Jesus leads His sheep out – of what?

Is the sheepfold organized religion – Judaism? (John 9; Acts 26:4-18)

Is the sheepfold the world? (John 3:16)

> Jesus' sheep hear and recognize His voice and follow Him (John 10:4)

D) Jesus' sheep refuse to follow a stranger

> These religious leaders had urged the formerly blind man to follow their lead (John 9:24)

\* But they, the blind religious leaders (John 9:40-41), did not understand the things that Jesus spoke to them (John 10:6)

They weren't His sheep and so they **did not recognize** His voice ... TRUE

They weren't His sheep because they **refused** to hear His voice ... also TRUE