

THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP

John 10:1-16

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Note the context of the sermon resulted from the cure the Lord effected upon the man blind from birth
- B. The miracle as performed led to the abiding faith of the man Jhn 9:35-38 and the open rejection of Christ by the "blind" Pharisees Jhn 9: 39-41
- C. Note the story in chapter nine carefully, accurately and patiently Note vs 27-41
- D. Take note of the audience of the occasion
 1. The seeing blind (Matt 13:14,15) the Pharisees
 2. The blind man who could see clearly
- E. Look at three most important facts from this text

DISCUSSION:

- I. **JESUS THE LOVING SHEPHERD** (The Messiah)
Jhn 10:2,11
 - A. The shepherd of God's flock comes through the line of Jesse Isa 11:1-5
 - B. He is lumped among pretenders but is clearly distinguished from them Jhn 10:1,2,5
 1. Who the pretenders are, is not revealed, might consider Theudas and Judas Acts 5:35-38
 - a. Theudas gave himself out to be somebody
 - b. Judas drew away much people after him
 2. Will be false Christ in future as well Matt. 24: 24
 - C. Identifying marks of the Messiah
 1. Entered through the door (vs.2). The door not specifically stated but possibly that "way" prepared by the prophets.
 2. The door opened by the porter - not stated but possibly John the baptist Mal 3:1
 - a. The conclusion of question in Matt 21:25
 - b. If John's authority were accepted, why reject the one of whom he testified
 3. Jesus is the "door" (vs.7)
 - a. Not part of 1st parable but an-enlargement upon it. Must not confuse this door with that of vs.2
 - b. Through the door one receives both salvation and sustenance
 4. He was (is) the good shepherd who laid down his life the false shepherd flees rather than die; Christ died willingly.

II. THE SHEEP, THOSE WHO RECEIVE JESUS

- A. The "sheep" were not necessarily those of Israel, but those who heard and recognized the voice of the shepherd vs.3,4,5
- B. The emphasis is upon those who accept readily the "voice" (teaching) of the "good shepherd". Some stopped their ears Matt 13:14,15; see Acts 2:41
- C. If any will not hear the word there is no point in trying to force feed them Note Matt 7:6
 1. Can a dog appreciate sacred things?
 2. Can a swine honour the pearls?
 3. So those who will not honour, accept nor understand the nature of the truth. should not be given it
- D. A demonstration of the truth can be more effective 1Pet. 3:1, 2
- E. Christ's sheep are those who are open to the truth Jhn 8:32

III. TWO FOLDS BECOME ONE UNDER ONE SHEPHERD

- A. Made up of those sheep who are anxious to hear the voice of the Son of God (vs.16)
- B. The Pharisees, even though they were still Jews were not part of the Lord's fold because they would not "hear and "receive" his voice
- C. The second fold was those Gentiles who heard and recognized the voice of the Shepherd
- D. Those receptive Jews and Gentiles then made up a new united fold under the one Shepherd vs.16; Eph 2:11-22; Remember Acts 2:41

CONCLUSION:

- A. There are many today who consider themselves Christians that are not part of the "one fold" because they refuse to hear his Voice and accept his word
- B. To be a part of the "one Fold" one must fear him and work righteousness Acts 10:35, 36
- C. One must humbly submit himself to the Shepherd of the sheep.
- D. Are you a part of the one fold under the one Shepherd