

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 is 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; 17:11
- 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