

“The Good Shepherd”

John 10:1-21

The imagery and illustration of a shepherd and his sheep is pictured throughout the Scripture. Nowhere is that picture more clear than in John 10.

- I. The _____ to the good shepherd (1-10)
 - A. Jesus is the trusted _____ (1-6)
 - B. Jesus is the trusted _____ (7-10)

- II. The _____ of the good shepherd (11-16)
 - A. Jesus _____ His _____ (11-15)
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - B. Jesus _____ His _____ (16)

- III. The _____ of the good shepherd (17-18)

- IV. The _____ about the good shepherd (19-21)

The relationship which rapidly develops between a shepherd and the sheep under his care is to a definite degree dependent upon the use of the shepherd’s voice. Sheep quickly become accustomed to their owner’s particular voice. They are acquainted with its unique tone. They know its peculiar sounds and inflections. They can distinguish it from that of any other person.

If a stranger should come among them, they would not recognize nor respond to his voice in the same way they would to that of the shepherd. Even if the visitor should use the same words and phrases as that of their rightful owner they would not react in the same way. It is a case of becoming actually conditioned to the familiar nuances and personal accent of their shepherd’s call.

- Phillip Keller