

# "I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11-16, 27-30

## I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Cultural hang-ups with this metaphor: *(See Acts 20:28)*
  
- B. Why Jesus calls Himself the "Good" Shepherd:
  
- C. The emphasis on sheep in the Bible:

## II. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND HIS SHEEP:

- A. The Shepherd owns His sheep: *vv. 3-4*
  - 1. He died sacrificially: *(Jn. 1:29)*
  - 2. He died brutally: *(Ps. 22:1-21)*
  - 3. He died willingly: *(Jn. 10:11-18)*
  - 4. He died triumphantly: *(Jn. 12:20-29)*
  
- B. The Shepherd knows His sheep: *(See Jn. 10:14-15)*
  
- C. The Shepherd calls His sheep: *(Jn. 10:3-5)*
  
- D. The Shepherd cares for His sheep: *(Ps. 23)*
  - 1. The "good" Shepherd: *(Ps. 22)*
  - 2. The "chief" Shepherd: *(Ps. 24; I Pet. 5:1-4)*
  - 3. The "great" Shepherd: *(Ps. 23; Heb. 13:20-21)*
  
- E. The Shepherd gathers His sheep: *(Jn. 10:16; Mt. 10:5-6)*

## III. PERSONAL APPLICATION:

"To claim to be one of His sheep and yet not follow Him is either to lie or to rebel, and both are terrible sins. Most of the trouble in our world is caused by people who ignore Christ and insist on having their own way, and this can and often does happen in our local churches. We deceive ourselves into thinking we know God's will for ourselves and everybody else, but Jeremiah 17:9 warns us, 'The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?' The longer I follow the Lord Jesus, the more I see myself as a helpless sheep that needs Jesus the Good Shepherd in every decision of life. When Jesus is your shepherd and you follow Him, the future is your friend, and you don't have to be afraid."