Faith In the True Shepherd

John 10:11—*I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.* 14*—I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.* 15*—As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.* 17—*Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.*

Isaiah 40:11—*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.*

Isaiah 53:6—*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all*. Ps 119:176*— I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.*

1Peter 2:25—*For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

*1Cor. 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Gal. 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, 1Tim. 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Titus 1:4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.* 2Co 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia. 7:5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Mt 18:7 ¶ Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

2Co 11:20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

*Ga 3:26 For ye are all the children of God* ***by faith*** *in Christ Jesus.*

1. *Faith*
   1. *By Faith*
   2. *By Faith in Christ Jesus*

*5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or* ***by the hearing of faith****?*  *6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*  *8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*

*Ga 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*Ga 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit* ***through faith****.*

1. *Faith*
   1. *Through Faith*
   2. *Through Jesus Christ*

*Faith is the only channel through which the promised gift of the Spirit can be received.*

False Shepherds

Zech. 11:15-17

I. Their Instruments - vs. 15

1. Deceit - Matt. 24:5 Rom. 16:18

II Cor. 11:13 Eph. 4:14 II Tim. 3:13 Titus 1:10 II John 7

2. Seduction - Mark 13:22 I Tim. 4:1 I John 2:26

3. Sorcery - Acts 8:11 Acts 13:6 Rev. 18:23

II. Their Commission - vs. 16

1. By Divine Permission -

God uses wicked leaders to inflict

punishment on the guilty.

2. By Divine Warning -

Matt. 7:15 I John 4:1

The coming of evil prophets foretold.

Matt. 13:25 I Tim. 4:1 II Thess. 2:3

III. Their Characteristics - vs. 16

1. Negligent -

(1) "Which shall not visit those that be cut off."

He will not perform the duties of a good shepherd.

(2) "Neither shall seek the young one."

The new born need help.

2. Uncompassionate -

"Nor heal that that is broken."

The false shepherd does not attend the sick.

3. Selfish -

(1) "Nor feed that that standeth still:"

Does not feed the flock.

(2) "He shall eat the flesh of the fat."

He seeks only personal advantage from the sheep.

4. Cruel -

Tear their claws in pieces.

"Parcah" - a claw or split hoof. Not caring where he led them.

IV. Their Judgment - vs. 17

1. By the sword - In due time the sword will come.

2. Upon the arm - Symbolic of the place of power and works.

3. Upon his right eye - Matt. 5:29 The eye sees, the heart lusts.

"His right eye shall be utterly darkened." No insight - no revelation.