John Lesson 29

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INTRODUCTION

- Our intentions are, just as the program is entitled, to take the word of God for what it says without addition and without subtraction, and to understand it in its context.
- In John chapter ten, we have an allegory or an illustration that Jesus gives that is a well known illustration.

1 The Sheep Know the Shepherd's Voice

John 10:1–6; Ezekiel 34:2–10

- A sheepfold was simply a roofless enclosure.
- And we are the sheep, and we are as his flock, but we must follow his voice to be his sheep.
- The shepherds today, those who are elders of a local congregation, have a responsibility to know the flock, and they have a responsibility to lead that flock.
- It is important not only to have honest hearts of those who would hear the gospel, it is important that there be honest shepherds.

2 I Am the Door of the Sheep

John 10:7–9; John 14:6

- I am the door. By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture.
- If you want to enter into a place of security, if you want to enter into a place of peace and comfort, then come through Jesus Christ.
- Either we must accept him for what he claimed to be, the Son of God, the only way, or else he was a liar and he was a fraud. There is no in between.
- He could not be a good man if he lied.

3 Life, and That More Abundantly

John 10:10; John 3:16; Philippians 4:11–13

- I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.
- Even in this world, there is the real meaning of living for those who have the joy and the peace that is in Christ Jesus.
- We know where we came from, and we know where we're going, and therefore we understand how to live now, with a view of eternity.
- He not only has the promise of life everlasting, but he understands that with that promise that he also has the fullest and the best life even here.

4 The Good Shepherd and the Hireling

John 10:11–14; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 9

- I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
- Jesus, in contrast, proved his love because he died for them.
- One who really loves God's people will love the truth because he'll love God.
- You test what they preach by the book. You take the word of God, let it speak, and you test them.

5 Other Sheep: One Fold and One Shepherd

John 10:16; Ephesians 2:11–16; Ephesians 4:4–6

- And other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.
- These other sheep I have, really he was talking about Gentiles.
- There's not going to be a Jew church and a Gentile church, but these two will be brought together in one.
- And just as Jesus Christ does not have several bodies, neither does he have several churches.

6 I Lay Down My Life

John 10:17–18; Matthew 26:53; Hebrews 5:8–9

- I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.
- What that says is that Jesus willingly gave himself.
- Being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you willing to obey the commandment of God like Christ that you might be saved?**

MY NOTES