

Friday Evening, Nov. 5
Breakout Lecture Session

8:10 p.m.
Family Room

Jesus: My ShepherdDavid Powell

“He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead...” (Isa. 40:11). A good shepherd knows his sheep, feeds his sheep, cares for his sheep, watches his sheep, leads his sheep and will even die for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd; best of all, He is my shepherd!

Introduction

1. Through the eyes of Isaiah: “He will feed His flock like a shepherd”
 - a. With a strong right arm: “Tough love” (Isa. 40:10).
 - b. With a tender left arm: “Compassionate love” (Isa. 40:11).
2. Through the eyes of Jeremiah: “Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord” (Jer. 23:1).
3. Through the eyes of Ezekiel: “And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord” (Ezek. 34:31).
4. Through the eyes of David: “The Lord is my shepherd” (Psa. 23).
5. Through the eyes of Jesus: “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11).
 - a. He is the “great Shepherd of the sheep” (Heb. 13:20).
 - b. He is the “chief Shepherd” (1 Pet. 5:4)

I. The Enemies of the Good Shepherd

- A. The context of John 10 is the healing of the man born blind in John 9.
- B. The Pharisees are the “thief and robber” (John 10:1; 9:34, 40-41; Acts 20:29-30).

II. The Description of the Enemies of the Good Shepherd

- A. They do not enter by the door of the sheepfold (John 10:1).
- B. The sheep do not hear or follow them (John 10:8).
- C. They come to “steal, kill, and destroy” (John 10:10).
- D. They are hirelings or “servants for pay” (John 10:12).
- E. They leave or desert the sheep in time of danger and scatter them (John 10:12; Matt. 9:36-38).
- F. They do not care about the sheep (John 10:13).
- G. They kill the Good Shepherd (John 10:15-18).

III. The Blessings of the Good Shepherd

- A. He is the door/doorkeeper to the sheepfold (John 10:1-7).
- B. His sheep hear His voice and know Him (John 10:3).
- C. He knows His sheep (John 10:14).
- D. He calls His sheep by their names (John 10:4).
- E. He leads His sheep (John 10:4).
- F. His sheep follow Him (John 10:4, 27).
- G. He gives His sheep “abundant” life (John 10:10).
- H. He knows His Father (John 10:15).
- I. He gives His life for His sheep (John 10:11).
- J. He would be resurrected for His sheep (John 10:17-18).

IV. The Conditions of the Good Shepherd

- A. We must hear His voice (John 10:3).
- B. We must believe that He is the Good Shepherd (John 10:25).
- C. We must enter by the door of the sheepfold (John 10:9).
- D. We must follow Him (John 10:4).
- E. The enemy of the Shepherd we will not follow (John 10:5).

V. The Reactions to the Good Shepherd

- A. Some people said He had a demon (John 10:20).
- B. Some people said He was mad (John 10:20).
- C. Some people did not know what to make of Him (John 10:21).
- D. Some people did not believe in Him (John 10:25, 33, 39).
- E. Some people did believe in Him (John 10:41-42).

Conclusion

1. Jesus is my Good Shepherd (Psa. 23:1).
2. He knows my name (John 10:4).
3. There are many “hirelings” today who seek to destroy me (1 John 4:1).
4. What will I do with Jesus, my Good Shepherd (Matt. 11:28-30)?



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