

John # 158 “Introduction To John 10 The Good Shepherd” *Psalm 23; Psalm 95:1-7; Ezekiel 34; Matthew 23*

I. OBSERVATION

II. INTERPRETATION

When we first understand interpretation accurately, then we can develop proper application to us.

III. APPLICATION A. BIBLICAL CONTEXT B. CULTURAL CONTEXT C. IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Psalm 23 “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.³ He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

Sheep have no sense of direction and Our Shepherd has provided the Word of God and the filling of the Holy Spirit to provide for our spiritual direction.

A sheep cannot clean itself apart from the shepherd and we have recovery from the Shepherd to purify us from all wrongdoing.

A sheep relies on the shepherd for medical care and the Lord Jesus has provided the means for our failure recovery.

A sheep can't defend itself, so God has provided for our soul's defense.

A sheep depends on the shepherd for food and water. Jesus Christ provides our spiritual food and water.

Sheep are calmed by the shepherd's music and this is analogous to us using God's grace solutions to solve our problems.

The wool the sheep produce belongs to the shepherd and all Divine-good production is possible only because of God's grace provision.

IN JOHN CHAPTER 10; The Lord Jesus attempts to reach out to the Pharisees in love by confronting them.

The Pharisees had their self-assumed roles as shepherds of God's people in Israel.

Jesus tells them they are self-righteous false shepherds.

The Pharisees clothed themselves in self-glory and subjected the people of Israel to adhere to their ridiculous rules and traditions.

So, in John 10, we see the true Good Shepherd who loves and cares for the sheep as opposed to the self-appointed phonies who only care for themselves.

Who is truly in control of man's relationship with God?

Love teaches truth!

We must all ask ourselves “Am I like the healed man or the Pharisees?”

APPLICATION:

1. The Lord Jesus is the exclusive Plan of God. 2. Believers in the Lord Jesus must proclaim the exclusive Plan of God. 3. The Good Shepherd is to be the priority focus of all believers in the exclusive Plan of God for He said “Apart from Me, you can do nothing.”