

The Good Shepherd - John 10:11 & 14

1. How do we define what is meant by "good"? How can we tell who is a "good" person?

Though we cannot see their hearts, we do observe a number of indicators as to their character.

See Acts 11:22 - 24 about Barnabas

- * By their actions 1 PET. 2:1, 13 * By their words MATT. 12:35
- * By their attitudes COL. 3:8, 9, 12-15 * By their emotions GAL. 5:22, 23
- * By their obedience to God 1 PET. 1:14 * By their relationships 1 PET. 1:22
- * By what God says about them. ACTS 11:22-24

2. If Jesus is the Good Shepherd, are there also "bad" shepherds? Read John 10:1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13

Isa. 56:10 - 12; Jer. 50:6; Ezek:34:1 - 10;

3. Why does God say that it is bad for men to be like sheep without a shepherd?

See Num. 27:17; I Kings. 22:17; II Chron. 18:16; Zech. 10:2, Matt. 9:36

4. What is so good about having the Good Shepherd to watch over us? Psa. 23; John 10; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:5 - 8; Rev. 7:17

* Reasoning By Faith – Why Did God Inspire David To Write Psalm 23:1 The Way He Did? Consider:

A. The Lord is my shepherd.

B. Implied (A good shepherd who Knows and loves his sheep Provides all the NEEDS of HIS SHEEP in his flock.)

C. (Therefore) I shall not want.

D. The experience of the sheep. Psa. 23

5. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who owns every believer/sheep. Vv. 3,4,5, 14, 16, 27, 29

6. The Good Shepherd loves His sheep and gives His life for them. V. 10,11 & 17, 18

7. He is the Door who provides access and security to His sheep. Vv. 7,9

8. He Knows every one of His sheep personally. V. 14

9. His sheep know His voice. Vv. 3 - 5

10. His sheep follow Him. Vv. 3,4, 27

11. His sheep are wonderfully secure in His hand and in the Father's hand. Vv. 28,29