



Pastor Paul's Newsletter 11-16-25

We Are God's Sheep

God used the analogy of a shepherd and his sheep when He was talking about Jesus and the church. The shepherd is the first profession mentioned in the Bible (Gen 4:2). Sheep are utterly dependent upon their shepherd to lead them to pastures (they eat grasses), provide them with water, and protect them from danger. "Sheep" and "flocks" are mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible, using twelve different Hebrew words and four Greek words. They are the most prominent animal mentioned in Scripture.

For centuries sheep have been an important part of life in Israel, providing local inhabitants with wool, milk, and meat. They were a key part of sacrificial offerings at the temple and tabernacle, and in the Bible were frequently compared to men, illustrating their dependency and helplessness.

Luke 15:4 (KJV): "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?"

Jesus wants all of us to know that He is the Good Shepherd, and that He is there to help us in any area of our life. He does not want us to live our life without His help. In fact,

because we are Christians, and we have an adversary called the devil, if we call out to Jesus, He is there to help us when the devil attacks; He is there to rescue us. We must be completely dependent on our Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, just as the sheep are completely dependent on their shepherd for all their provision. Jesus is assigned by His heavenly Father to take care of us, and if we become Shepherd-to-sheep minded, we will sense that it is so much easier to trust Jesus.

In the rest of this Newsletter is Scriptures that I would like for you to study before Sunday morning service.

Psalm 23:1-6 KJV 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.

Psalm 23:1-6 GNT The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. [2] He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. [3] He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as He has

promised. [4] Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for You are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. [5] You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; You welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim. [6] I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and Your house will be my home as long as I live.

Matthew 9:35-38 KJV And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. [36] But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. [37] Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; [38] Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

John 10:1-13,15-17 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. [2] But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. [4] And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. [5] And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee

from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. [6] This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them. [7] Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the sheep. [8] All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. [9] I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. [10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. [11] I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. [12] But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. [13] The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. [15] As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. [16] 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. [17] Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again.

Please study these verses, because I'm planning to minister on them Sunday.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday James 2

Tuesday James 3

Wednesday James 4

Thursday James 5

Friday 1 Peter 1

Saturday 1 Peter 2

Sunday 1 Peter 3

STAY CONNECTED

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** The Christian Center app-
-<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

** Make it a point to make full use of the TCC app

** Tune into one of our radio stations in Oklahoma:
91.1fm Lawton,
91.9fm McAlester or 95.9fm Woodward

** Relationship Class 10am-noon Saturday, Nov 22, in Fellowship Hall

** Men's Conference: December 5 & 6. Ushers have sign-up form

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

*Early Morning Prayer: Sanctuary M-F 6:15-7:15am

*Women's Dance Aerobics: 10-11am M-W-F in the Gym

*Noonday Bible Study: M-F 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45am classes; 10:45am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: Under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm in NW Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult & Youth Services 7pm

** MobilePrayer:Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Sat. 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan/Cache Rd.

*** Women's Fellowship: 3rd Sat.9am Golden Corral

*** Relationship Class: 4th Sat.10am-12 Fellowship Hall