

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 19

Scripture of Lesson: John 10:1~21

1. Christ as our true shepherd

- a. What the true shepherd does
 - i. God led and guided Israel as sheep out of Egypt through the wilderness: Ps 78:52~53
 - ii. David defended his flock against a lion and a bear: I Sam 17:34~35
 - iii. Shepherd provides rest to his flock, leads them to water and good pasture: PS. 23
[Read together]
 - iv. Shepherd numbers the flock: Lev 27: 32 –We are individually counted and remembered.
 - v. Keeps the sheep and goats apart: Matt 25:32
 - vi. Keeps the flock in a fold: Num 32: 16, John 10:1
- b. Christ as “the door of the sheep fold” and “the true shepherd.”
 - i. Fold = Kingdom of God
 - ii. Porter = Holy Spirit
 - iii. Door = Christ, through whom we may enter Kingdom of God (fold)
 - iv. V. 9: There is salvation and feeding of our souls through the door.
- c. Who are thieves and robbers?
 - i. V. 1: “He that enters not by the door of the fold but climbs up some other way—“
 - ii. V. 10: “The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy sheep.”
- d. Who are the hirelings?
 - i. When a wolf comes, a hireling leaves the sheep and flees because he cares not for the sheep. [v. 12~13] – A serious warning to the Christian ministry

2. Shepherd and sheep relationship

- a. Sheep = God’s chosen people; Shepherd = Jesus Christ
 - i. Jesus saw Israel as sheep without a shepherd [Matt 9:36].
- b. Sheep hear the shepherd’s voice and are led. [v.4]
 - i. Jesus sent his disciples to find the lost sheep of Israel [Matt 10: 6].
 1. Initial mission was focused on Israel
 - ii. Then the mission was expanded out to all races, peoples and nations.
 1. “Other sheep” in v. 16 = Gentiles
- c. True shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [v. 11, 15, 17]
- d. Saved Jews and gentile Christians are in the same fold: One fold and one shepherd [v. 16]

3. Free will and sheep nature: glad and willing following

- a. Sheep nature and goat nature: differences
- b. When we are converted, do we receive the sheep nature? Does the conversion of our inner self occur gradually? [Sanctification]
 - i. Eph 4: 24, Col 3: 10 “New man”
- c. Do we follow Christ out of our free will or because “we are supposed to obey/ follow”?
 - i. Eph 3: 16~21