

A painting depicting Jesus as a shepherd. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a white robe with a yellow sash, and has a lamb resting on his shoulders. He holds a wooden staff in his left hand. In the foreground and middle ground, several other sheep are visible, some looking towards the viewer. The background consists of rolling green hills under a blue sky with soft, white clouds. The overall style is that of a religious oil painting.

The Shepherd and His Sheep
John 10:1-11

Old Testament – God is Shepherd of Israel

◆ **Isaiah 40:11** - He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.

The Shepherd at the Door

◆ **John 10:1-2** - “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

Sheep Know Their Master's Voice

◆ **John 10:3-5** - ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

The Sheep Know Jesus' Voice

- ◆ **John 10:16** - ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
- ◆ **John 10:27** - ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Temptation – Whose Voice Will You Hear?

◆ **James 1:13-15** - ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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◆ **Ephesians 5:5-6** - ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Focus on the Good Shepherd Jesus

◆ **Hebrews 12:2** – ²...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...

Jesus – The Only Door to Salvation

◆ **John 10:7-9** - ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Are You Following the True Gospel?

◆ **Galatians 1:6-9** - ⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Listen to the Words of Jesus

- ◆ **John 14:6** - ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- ◆ **John 14:15** - ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- ◆ **Mark 16:16** - ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

The Good Shepherd Lays Down Life for His Sheep

◆ **John 10:10-11** - ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.