

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Text: John 10:7-10

Scripture reading: Psalm 23

I. The true Shepherd - vv. 1-6 (previous study)

II. The caring Shepherd - vv. 7-10

A) His exclusive care

Dr. William Hendriksen, "*When Jesus says, 'I - emphatic; i.e., I alone - am the door of the sheep,' He means that He is the only One through whom anyone obtains legitimate access. There simply is no other entrance.*"

Result: (personal application of text)

(Acts 4:12; John 14:6)

B) His protective care

(Jn. 10: 28-30)

Result: (personal application of text)
(Ps. 23:4)

C) His nurturing care
(Ps. 23:2-3)

Result: (personal application of text)
(Ps. 23:1)

"How can the saints want? The Lord will give them every good thing, 'every good cross, every good comfort,' every needed chastisement, every needed supply, all timely lessons, all good deliverances. ...The richest man in a city may be the poorest; for if he has not his Shepherd's favor and care he lacks the most necessary thing. And the poorest man in a city is often the richest; for first, he thinks he has enough, and so is content; secondly, his eternal life is in the hands of Christ; thirdly, he has the sympathy of his Shepherd, who knows by experience what poverty is. Fourthly, the eternal interests of the pious man are all secured. 'The world loves its own, and God loves his own.' He will provide." William Plumer (writing on Psalm 23)