

# Jesus said "I AM"

The words "I am" = an eternal existence of present tense. He has always existed. Everything that matters in life comes from Him; all power comes from Him; He is God Almighty.

## I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11 Jesus said to the Pharisees, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

What was happening that caused Jesus to say this?

- Jesus healed a blind man; 7 or 8 blind men were healed in the New Testament.
- There had never been a healing of a blind person (Old Testament or New Testament).
- The Pharisees did not believe it to be possible, so they banned the healed blind man from the temple & the worship activities, and the any opportunity for faith in God.
- The Pharisees decided who could be a believer; only God can do that.
- The statements "I am Door" and "I am the Good Shepherd" are in the same chapter in John

1. When Jesus says, I am the "Good Shepherd", what does that mean for you?

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2. The use of words like "shepherd" and "sheep" from Jesus was important for the ancient Jews, as well as for us today. Why?

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The Greek word for "shepherd" and "pastor" are the same word; a "shepherd" = a "pastor".

In the Latin, "pastor" and "pasture" are from the same root origin.

"Pasture" = the place where feeding of animals takes place.

"Pastor" = "Shepherd" = The one who leads the animal to the pasture.

Ephesians 4:11 And Christ Himself gave some in the Body to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless as a manager for God

3. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Biblically speaking, a "shepherd" = a "pastor" = a "bishop" = an "overseer" = the "feeder of sheep and the flock.

4. Name two men in the New Testament who Paul selected to be church pastors.

a. 1 Timothy 3:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: Notice name of book)

b. Titus 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_ (Hint: Notice name of book)

5. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Christ is an example to all church pastors on how to feed.

6. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No The main role of a pastor of a church is to feed the flock.

7. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Can a believer survive without having assistance in being fed.

Psalm 23:1      *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

John 14:26      *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach (feed) you all things, and bring to your remembrance (feed) all things that I said to you.*

8. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No      Could God the Father say He is the "good shepherd"? (Ps. 23:1)  
9. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No      Could the Holy Spirit say He is the "good shepherd"? (Jn 14:26)

*Obviously. Jesus' discussion of the shepherd & the sheep has double meaning.*

10. The Physical Meaning - Match the verse in John 10 with what shepherd does.

- a. 10:2      \_\_\_      The shepherd gives his life for his sheep.
- b. 10:3      \_\_\_      The shepherd brings his sheep out to feed & wander.
- c. 10:3      \_\_\_      The shepherd gives names to his sheep.
- d. 10:3      \_\_\_      The shepherd will include & protect other sheep
- e. 10:4      \_\_\_      The shepherd helps his sheep find the pasture.
- f. 10:9      \_\_\_      The shepherd is the door of the enclosure of his sheep.
- g. 10:10     \_\_\_      The shepherd knows his sheep.
- h. 10:11    \_\_\_      The shepherd gives them life.
- i. 10:14    \_\_\_      The shepherd speaks to his sheep.
- j. 10:16    \_\_\_      The shepherd will his sheep & other sheep one flock.
- k. 10:16    \_\_\_      The shepherd will go before his sheep (start before them).
- l. 10:28    \_\_\_      The shepherd leads his sheep.

11. The Physical Meaning - Match the verse in John 10 with what the sheep do.

- a. 10:2      \_\_\_      His sheep will hear his voice.
- b. 10:4      \_\_\_      Other sheep will hear his voice.
- c. 10:4      \_\_\_      His sheep will know his voice.
- d. 10:14    \_\_\_      Other sheep shall not perish or be solen either.
- e. 10:16    \_\_\_      His sheep know the shepherd.
- f. 10:28    \_\_\_      His sheep follow the shepherd.

12. The Spiritual Meaning - a Brief Sample (We are the sheep.) **(Give your thoughts.)**

a. How do we hear His voice? \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. How will we know His voice? \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. How will we know the Shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_  
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d. How do we follow the Shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **The Spiritual Meaning - Insights from other Bible verses.**

13. How do we hear the voice of the Lord? Match the columns.

*Sometimes, we do not know the Lord is speaking to us. THIS IS INCREDIBLE.*

*Check out these verses & mark them to agree that you read them & understand them.*

*This should give you GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT. He is always talking to us.*

- a. \_\_\_ Isaiah 30:21     You will actually hear direction in your heart. (No. I can't explain it.)
- b. \_\_\_ John 16:13     The Holy Spirit came to speak to us for the Father & for the Son.
- c. \_\_\_ Jer. 33:3        He will answer your calls to Him; be alert to how the answer comes.
- d. \_\_\_ 2 Tim. 3:16-17   Read the Bible often; it's all there.
- e. \_\_\_ Luke 11:28      He will bless you with positive things when you need them the most.
- f. \_\_\_ Heb. 2:1         He is speaking when you are faithful & do not drift away & cool down.
- g. \_\_\_ Psalm 85:8      He will put peace in your heart when you are not surrounded by peace.
- h. \_\_\_ Isaiah 55:11    He will give you times of success even when you do not feel it.
- i. \_\_\_ Matt. 7:24        Sometimes, you will exercise wisdom; He is speaking.
- j. \_\_\_ 1 John 1:3        Sometimes, you will share the good news that you have.
- k. \_\_\_ Ps. 119:105      Sometimes, you will see further down the road even though you didn't ask.
- l. \_\_\_ Jer. 17:10        He cleans up our lives without our asking; He is speaking.
- m. \_\_\_ Deut. 5:4         He includes us in hard things, whether in our lives or in others.
- n. \_\_\_ Acts 2:46        We interact with & enjoy being with people. He is speaking.

**ISN'T THIS UNBELIEVABLE? Continue your own study; there is much to learn.**

**A pastor is a shepherd who helps his flock hear the voice of God. Here are the qualifications of a modern-day pastor (This is F.Y.I. for you.)**

1. **A PASTOR MUST BE DE-VOTED TO HIS WIFE; ONE-WOMAN MAN (Titus 1:6; 1 Timothy 3:2)**
2. **A PASTOR'S CHILDREN MUST BE IN SUBMISSION, THOUGH NOT PERFECT (Titus 1:6; 1 Timothy 3:4-5)**
3. **A PASTOR IS A FAITHFUL STEWARD (Titus 1:7)**
4. **A PASTOR MUST BE HUMBLE NOT ARROGANT (Titus 1:7)**
5. **A PASTOR MUST BE GENTLE NOT QUICK-TEMPERED (Titus 1:7; 1 Timothy 3:3)**
6. **A PASTOR MUST BE SOBER NOT A DRUNKARD (Titus 1:7; 1 Timothy 3:3)**
7. **A PASTOR MUST BE PEACE-FUL NOT VIOLENT (Titus 1:7; 1 Timothy 3:3)**
8. **A PASTOR MUST HAVE FINANCIAL INTEGRITY NOT GREEDY FOR GAIN (Titus 1:7; 1 Timothy 3:3; 1 Peter 5:3)**
9. **A PASTOR MUST BE HOSPITABLE (Titus 1:8; 1 Timothy 3:2)**
10. **A PASTOR MUST BE A LOVER OF GOOD (Titus 1:8)**
11. **A PASTOR MUST BE SELF-CONTROLLED (Titus 1:8; 1 Timothy 3:2)**
12. **A PASTOR MUST BE UPRIGHT (Titus 1:8)**
13. **A PASTOR MUST BE HOLY (Titus 1:8)**
14. **A PASTOR MUST BE ABLE TO TEACH (Titus 1:9; 1 Timothy 3:2)**
15. **A PASTOR MUST BE SPIRITUALLY MATURE (1 Timothy 3:6)**