

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?

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

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? _____

- b. How will we know His voice? _____

- c. How will we know the Shepherd? _____

d. How do we follow the Shepherd? _____

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)**