

God Makes His Shepherds Known to Us

Genesis 40:1-23

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Introduction

One of the most wonderful things God does for us as His people is to provide us with faithful shepherds who lead us to God.

- Of course the greatest example of this is the Lord Jesus Christ who is called *The Chief Shepherd* as well as *The Good Shepherd* and *That Great Shepherd*.
- He is given these titles because He is the Shepherd who gives His life for the sheep in order that we, through His death, might have everlasting life.
 - We are forever indebted to God for raising Him up for us and for making Him known to us.

But though none compare to Jesus and none can save our souls from sin and hell besides Him,

- through the ages, God has graciously raised up faithful shepherds for His people at every level...
 - from great leaders like King David who led God's people back to God...
 - to a faithful grandmother whose prayers were effectual in bringing us to salvation.
 - It is all of God's wonderful grace in bringing His salvation to sinners.

In our sermon series from Genesis, we have been seeing how God raised up Joseph to be a shepherd to His people.

- God raised him up to save His people (and many others) from starvation in a great famine that God sent upon the world.
- I have already explained to you how Joseph is a picture of Christ, the Saviour of the world...
 - Like Christ, he is taken from his father's home and made a servant in the world...
 - Like Christ, he is faithful, doing good and being a blessing to all, even as a servant...
 - But then, like Christ, he is falsely accused and sentenced to an unjust judgment...
 - Only to be raised up at last from the deep pit to sit at the right hand of the king as the shepherd of his people who feeds them.
 - With Joseph, it is with the bread of the earth...
 - And with Jesus, it is with the spiritual bread of eternal life.
 - In both cases, the people would have perished if it were not for this saviour.
- But we see that Joseph is also more than a shepherd who provides earthly bread.
 - He is also a godly man who lives for God and who is instrumental in leading his whole family back to the Lord.
 - We are going to see how Joseph does this in future sermons, Lord willing, but today we are going to see how God reveals Joseph as one who is equipped and gifted to be the shepherd of His people...
 - It is here in chapter 40 that Joseph's gifts as a prophet are made evident in such a way that he will later be appointed to the office of a shepherd by Pharaoh.

- The LORD always does that with those He raises up to shepherd His people...
- He makes it clear to those who will follow them that they are equipped to lead.
 - Jesus Himself was revealed by signs and wonders that were given to Him as were all the prophets and apostles...
 - And even ordinary pastors and elders are given certain gifts that distinguish them as spiritual shepherds who are raised up by God to lead His people.

So today we are going to consider how God makes His shepherds known and how we ought to respond to God (and these shepherds) when He does.

Our Scripture reading is Genesis 40.

- Please give careful attention as I read this because it is the Word of God.

Genesis 40:1-23: It came to pass after these things *that* the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. ² And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and the chief baker. ³ So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph *was* confined. ⁴ And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while. ⁵ Then the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who *were* confined in the prison, had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night *and* each man's dream with its *own* interpretation. ⁶ And Joseph came in to them in the morning and looked at them, and saw that they *were* sad. ⁷ So he asked Pharaoh's officers who *were* with him in the custody of his lord's house, saying, "Why do you look *so* sad today?" ⁸ And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell *them* to me, please." ⁹ Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my dream a vine *was* before me, ¹⁰ and in the vine *were* three branches; it *was* as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. ¹¹ Then Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand." ¹² And Joseph said to him, "This *is* the interpre-

tation of it: The three branches *are* three days. ¹³ Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler. ¹⁴ But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house. ¹⁵ For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon." ¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also *was* in my dream, and there *were* three white baskets on my head. ¹⁷ In the uppermost basket *were* all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head." ¹⁸ So Joseph answered and said, "This *is* the interpretation of it: The three baskets *are* three days. ¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you." ²⁰ Now it came to pass on the third day, *which was* Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. ²¹ Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. ²² But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³ Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

And there we end the reading of God's holy Word.

- May He add His blessing to it.

As I preach from this passage today, I want to begin by showing you how Joseph is manifested at this time as a true shepherd. His gifts are made evident.

Then I want exhort you to pray earnestly that God would give us such faithful shepherds to lead us today, as I Lord Jesus tells us to do in Matthew 9:35-38.

And lastly, I want to exhort you to receive those that God has raised up for you with thanksgiving.

So first of all,

I. See how God reveals Joseph as one who is gifted and equipped to serve as His shepherd.

A. The first thing we see in our text is that Joseph is shown to be a man of compassion.

1. It might be easy to excuse him if he had been a little bit self-absorbed...
 - after all, he had a lot of terrible things that had happened to him.
 - How would you like it if your brothers had violently taken hold of you when you were coming to serve them...and had thrown you into a pit to die...and then had decided instead to sell you into slavery?
 - And if after that, you had accepted your situation and had faithfully served your master as a slave for many years,
 - then been falsely accused of trying to rape his wife only because she was offended with you for refusing her advances on you?
 - And if now you had been cast into prison for many years with no apparent way out when God had revealed to you that you would reign?
 - Don't you think that you might be wrapped up in yourself?
 - But as Ted Donnally put it, those who are wrapped up in themselves are wrapped up in a very small package...
 - Such was not the case with Joseph.
- Though he had his own problems,
2. We see Joseph showing compassion to his fellow prisoners...two very prominent prisoners—men that served in high offices in Pharaoh's court—
 - his chief butler, or cupbearer, and his chief baker.
 - a. These two men had committed some sort of sin.
 - You can see in verse 1 that it says that they had *offended their lord*.
 - And the Hebrew word translated *offended* is a word that means they had sinned against him—it was not just that he was angry with them—they had done something wicked.
 - b. In his anger with them, Pharaoh had put them in the king's prison where Joseph was,
 - And as Joseph had, because of his faithfulness in the prison, been put in charge of the other prisoners, he was charged with looking after these two important officers as verse 4 tells us.
 - Notice that it was Potiphar, the captain of the guard, who is still called Joseph's master in verse 8, who charged Joseph to look after them.
 - Notice as well that verse 4 says Joseph had been serving them for a while.

- c. And it is in his service, that we see his compassion.
 - 1) If Joseph had been like an ordinary prison guard, especially one who was a fellow prisoner,
 - he would not have shown the special care and interest in these men that he shows to them.
 - He would have just performed his duties with no personal touch or concern—especially since he had his own wounds to lick.
 - 2) But you see that Joseph is different...
 - He observes that these men are very sad, deeply troubled and dejected; but instead of ignoring this, Joseph asks them about it. He reaches out.
 - And he learns that they have each had a troubling dream—troubling because it has to do with their former employment and troubling because they don't know how to interpret the dream...
 - The Egyptians were very big on interpreting dreams and they had men that were trained especially to do this—
 - And these officers who were used to having access to such interpreters were now shut up in prison and had no way to find out about their dreams.
 - It was obvious to them that these dreams were significant because they had dreamed them on the same night, and both dreams were related to their former employment, and both dreams had the number three as a prominent feature.
 - And you see that Joseph cares enough to ask them why they are troubled.
 - He wants to help them if he can.
- 3. This compassion is an important mark of anyone who is going to be a shepherd in God's kingdom.
 - It was a prominent feature in the character of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - We read in Matthew 9 how he had compassion on the people because He saw that they were like sheep without shepherd.
 - He cared about them and He wanted to help them—and of course He did—even going eventually to the cross to pay for their sins!
 - A true shepherd in God's kingdom is not a man who is just a leader or a man who is given a position.
 - There are plenty that are like that, but they are false shepherds who care only for themselves instead of caring for God's sheep.
 - But we have seen that Joseph was not like that.
 - As we saw last week, wherever he was, he sought to be a blessing to the people around him—whether in his home, as a slave in Potiphar's house, or as a prisoner—he was there to serve others and that is what he did.
 - And here we see how his compassion and servant's heart is shown to the chief butler and the chief baker.

TRANS> That is the first way we see that he is qualified to be a shepherd for the Lord.

- And this brings us to look at the second way, which is the central and prominent feature of this passage...

- B. Secondly, Joseph is seen to be a shepherd because he is a man who hears from God and who speaks for God.
- You can see how this is brought out in our text.
1. First, that after hearing that they have dreamed and have no interpreter,
 - Joseph immediately points out to them the obvious—that true and reliable interpretations of dreams comes only from God!
 - This was a rebuke to the whole Egyptian way of seeking revelation, not from God, but by studying dreams as a kind of science.
 - Joseph's was from the family of Abraham, and they were the people who had heard from God Almighty...
 - so Joseph is passionate to call these men to turn to God for revelation.
 - Any true shepherd of God will share in that passion.
 - There is a place for science, but we must not confuse what can be learned by science with what must be learned by divine revelation.
 - For example, the way of salvation is not discovered by science and philosophy, but by hearing from God's Word.
 2. Next, you see that Joseph offers to give them God's interpretation.
 - He says of the dreams, "tell them to me."
 - Joseph had already received a dream with its interpretation from God.
 - He had heard from God and he knew that it was from God.
 - He had rightly understood and had boldly spoken his dream to his brothers.
 - And what is remarkable is that even now, after everything had, from all appearances, gone against the dream that Joseph had received,
 - Joseph is still confident that he is a prophet who can hear from God and provide God's interpretation of these dreams!
 - All of the setbacks and all of the troubles that had come upon him had not caused his confidence in God's revelation to him to be shaken.
 - This is a very important mark of a shepherd!
 - He has to have such confidence in God's Word that even when everyone says it is wrong or when everything seems to be contradicting it, he holds on to it and continues to confidently proclaim it!
 - You might think of Isaiah when he declared God's word that Jerusalem would not fall to Assyria when it looked hopeless...
 - And you might think of Jeremiah who declared God's word that Jerusalem would fall when all the false prophets that the leaders were listening to said it would not fall.
 - It is important today when preachers have to declare eternal punishment in a day when most people in the church want to deny it...
 - And there are many other examples that could be given.
 3. And third, you see how Joseph does not hesitate to speak the truth of God whether it be good news or bad news.
 - a. The chief butler goes first with his dream, and Joseph tells him the good news that God is going to restore him to his office and to favour with Pharaoh.
 - The interpretation is given in verses 12 and 13 where Joseph says:

- **Gen 40:12-13: This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days. ¹³ Now within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former manner, when you were his butler.**
 - What a delight it is for God's shepherd to declare the message of salvation from God!
 - To assure troubled souls that the Lord has revealed that He will surely save them!
- b. And now the chief baker, hearing the good news about the butler, is ready to tell his dream to Joseph.
- But this time, it is very bad news for this man—it is news that he will be executed, and that in a way that was terrifying to an Egyptian.
 - For they believed that to secure rest for their souls, they needed to have a decent burial, but this man is told that he will be executed in such a way that he is eaten by the birds.
 - I should mention that what the Egyptians believed was a perversion of the fact that God Himself made the preservation of the body in proper burial a symbol of future blessing in resurrection and the destruction of it at death a symbol of cursing...
 - but the Egyptians had taken that simple symbol and loaded it with all kinds of superstitions and idolatrous rituals.
 - But you see that Joseph spells it out very straight to the baker in verses 18 & 19: **So Joseph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh from you."**
 - What a difficult thing it is to speak such a message of doom!
 - But this is a mark of a true shepherd.
 - He declares not what people want to hear, but what God has said...
 - whether the message is popular or whether it leads to the prophet's rejection or to great reward—he is there to speak for God and not for himself.
 - But may we not suppose that Joseph had a lot more to say to this man?
 - Being a compassionate man, he may very well have told him about the truth that God had revealed to his family and about the way of salvation.
 - He may have told him that the Egyptian ideas about burial were wrong and that the way of salvation was through faith in God's promise of mercy.
 - In any case, when God's true shepherds speak the truth about hell and damnation today, they do a service even to the lost...
 - they show them their need of salvation and open the way for them to receive the gospel if only they will.

4. And we see further that the true shepherd's words are confirmed because they always come true.

- a. We are told at the end of the chapter that what Joseph had spoken from God was exactly what happened.
 - You see verse 21 and 22 where it says of Pharaoh: **Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. 22 But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them.**
 - This made it obvious to those who heard Joseph that he really had spoken for God—that he really was one who had access to God's truth.
 - b. This is the way that the Lord makes His true prophets known...
 - The reason the prophecies of Isaiah are in the Bible is because his prophecies were the ones that came true...
 - And the reason Jeremiah's prophecies are in the Bible is because his prophecies came true even though everyone rejected what he said while he was still alive.
 - And the reason Moses' writings are found in Scripture is because he is the one who, for example, told about each of the ten plagues that fell on Egypt, and in every case it happened just as he said.
 - And these prophets are confirmed even in our day because they also made long range prophesies, such as the remarkable one that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through Jesus Christ when He came...
 - And here we are, western people living in North America worshipping the promised Son of Abraham.
 - And of course it was the same for the apostles, and the prophets of the New Testament.
 - They were given signs and wonders to confirm that God was with them, and the words they spoke were fulfilled.
 - And not only that, but the words bear witness in our hearts that they are true when the Holy Spirit keeps our corruption from twisting the truth.
- C. But now we must move on to look at the third characteristic of a shepherd that is shown to be true of Joseph...that he has the patience of faith.
1. In a way, I have already spoken about this just now—
 - when I showed you how Joseph still believed that the word he had received from God through his own dreams was true even though he was not at all seeing the fulfillment of those dreams yet.
 - Rather than ruling over his brothers as his dreams had shown, he was locked up in a prison with no evident way out.
 - We have seen Joseph's remarkable faith in that over all these years he continued to believe what God had revealed to Him.
 2. But now Joseph has an additional challenge to his faith and patience.
 - a. After he told the butler the good news that he would be restored, he made a simple and a reasonable request that you can see in verses 14 and 15:
 - **Gen 40:14-15: 'But remember me when it is well with you, and please show kindness to me; make mention of me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this**

house. For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.”

- b. But look at what happened in verse 23...
- **Gen 40:23: Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.**
 - I do not think for a minute that this chap actually *forgot* in the sense of having no recollection!
 - Such a huge thing as having a man interpret your destiny and having it fulfilled in three days is not something that *slips your mind*.
 - The Bible often uses the word *remember* in the sense of regarding another, and the word *forget* in the sense of not regarding them—
 - Here it means that he simply could not be bothered with speaking a word for Joseph...
 - It may have been in part due to pride in his high office that caused him to look with disdain on this lowly Hebrew prisoner.
 - Perhaps he was a little bit nervous to say anything to Pharaoh since he had just been restored...
 - Or perhaps he thought Pharaoh would not be interested...
 - Or maybe he was intimidated by this man in the prison who had access to divine revelation—
 - Maybe he did not like some of the other things that Joseph had said about God and didn't want to have Joseph's voice in the courts of Pharaoh...
 - We are not told why...but we are told that he did not remember Joseph.
- c. But we can see that God was in this man's forgetfulness.
- 1) This was not the time for Joseph to be presented to Pharaoh.
 - Only God knew that in two years, Pharaoh was to dream a dream that no one in Egypt could interpret...and it would be then that the butler would remember Joseph...
 - It would be then that Pharaoh would be eager to hear from God through His prophet Joseph.
 - 2) And what's more, Joseph's character as a true shepherd is all the more revealed and developed by this delay.
 - It was a much greater trial to have gotten his hopes up and had them dashed.
 - You can imagine him expecting to be delivered on Pharaoh's birthday, but no one came—and then perhaps the next day—or maybe the following week—but the weeks turned into months and the months into years, and Joseph knew that he was forgotten by the butler.
 - But remarkably, he knew that the Lord had not forgotten him!
 - 3) This patience of faith is a mark of a true shepherd.

- It is not that he is never discouraged—but that he continues to trust in God no matter how great and how long his trials may be.
- We might think of Moses here who had to wait forty years on the backside of the wilderness to deliver God’s people...
- And then had to spend 40 more years with them in the wilderness—yet always believing that God would do what He had spoken—and of course he was right!
 - A shepherd has to lead others to continue trusting God in trials and set-backs, and that means that he has to be a man who trusts God in his own trials and setbacks.

TRANS> So you see how God clearly reveals Joseph as a true shepherd...

- He has the compassion of a true shepherd...
- He has the Word of God and speaks the Word as a true shepherd...
- And he has the patience and faith of a true shepherd.
- God raises up shepherds and reveals that they are His shepherds,
 - And now I want to consider:
 - **How should we respond to the fact that God raised up shepherds for us and makes them known to us?**

II. First, we ought to pray earnestly that God would give us faithful shepherds.

A. Pray that the LORD will raise up great men of God to lead the whole church today!

1. All through history, God has raised up great leaders to shepherd His people...to call them back to His ways.
 - We can see the ones in the Bible—like Joseph himself, or like Moses and Isaiah and Paul and Peter and John and of course like Jesus Christ!
 - And in history, men like Athanasius or Augustine or Wycliffe or Luther and Calvin...
 - And there are a few leaders in our day...
2. But we need to pray that the LORD will raise up great ones for this hour in church history to lead the whole church back to His truth—
 - men of true compassion of who will call us to repentance and send us back to Jesus Christ from whom we have drifted away.
 - to bring us back into the unity of the faith the knowledge of the Son of God.

TRANS> But don’t just pray for great ones...

B. Pray also that God will raise up ordinary shepherds for your church and your family.

1. Ask Him to make your parents and the elder and pastor at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church to be faithful shepherds.
 - And ask Him to raise up ministers and elders in the churches in our Presbytery.
 - And also to give us more shepherds at Covenant—men of compassion who will faithfully speak the Word of God to us and who will lead us to be patient in our trials.

2. Jesus, our compassionate chief shepherd, urges us to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers!
 - Don't you see how important this is for you and for others?
 - You need those who will speak the word of God to you—who will truly love you and lead you to the Lord.
 - Is it not too often the case that we have not because we ask not!

C. And also you need to pray that you will be a faithful shepherd...

1. That you will be compassionate and that you will hear and speak the Word of God to the people around you.
2. I don't care if you are an elder or a little child...
 - Pray that you will be able to minister to others—that you will care for them and that you will speak truth to them and encourage them to trust God when everything seems to be going wrong.
 - We are all called to love one another as Christ loved us and to serve one another and to speak truth, each one of us to our neighbour, and to encourage and comfort each other with God's promises in times of testing.
3. But you can't do this without God's help...
 - And how do you get His help?
 - You get His help by trustful prayer—whatever you ask in Christ's name, He will give you.
 - What better thing to ask than that you will be a faithful shepherd, and that He will raise up faithful shepherds to care for His church?
 - And pray that you will recognise them when they are raised up—and that you will follow them!

TRANS> But there is something else that you must do in response to this text that shows us how God raises up and makes known faithful shepherds...

III. Look around and give thanks for the shepherds that God has raised up for you!

- A. There is a great danger that if we are ungrateful, the Lord will take away faithful shepherds.
 1. It is such a blessing to have them, but if we do not give thanks to God and acknowledge Him,
 - And if we do not give heed to the faithful shepherds that He has given to us (which is part of what we do when we are truly thankful),
 - why should He continue to provide them for us?
 2. I say, could this not also be one of the reasons that there are not very many faithful shepherds?
 - Perhaps it is that we have not asked God to give them, nor thanked Him for them and received the ones that He has given us.
 3. The butler is to be blamed for forgetting Joseph!

- He should have rejoiced to have a man in Pharaoh's court who could speak the truth of God.
- He should have rejoiced and yearned to have access to God's Word himself through Joseph—but instead he was quite indifferent about it.
 - And therefore, for two years, he and Pharaoh's court were without access to the truth of God.

B. But who are some of the shepherds that you ought to thank God for and to follow?

1. First, thank God for those prophets and apostles who spoke the Word of God to us and gave us the Bible.
 - a. How thankful we should be that God has revealed His word to us through those that were confirmed by prophecies and signs and wonders.
 - Be thankful that to this day, the LORD is continuing to send forth His Word into all the earth.
 - Be thankful that He has given us such access to us in our own land.
 - Be thankful that He has given us precious promises that assure us of the way of forgiveness, the way of salvation through Christ.
 - We don't have to guess or speculate, we have God's holy Word!
 - b. And show your gratitude for the Word by cherishing it...
 - Read it faithfully, my brothers and sisters.
 - Do not neglect it and ignore it the way the butler did.
 - Receive it gladly—welcome it into your heart and practice it in your life.
 - Hang on to those precious promises.
 - c. Share it with your children—daily.
 - Do not starve them by leaving them to go for days and days without any spiritual nurture from the word.
2. Second, thank the LORD for those in history who have led us and follow them as they follow Christ.
 - a. Through the years, God has raised up faithful men who have led His church in the truth...who have called us back to the Word of God when we have drifted away.
 - b. They have produced creeds and met together in counsels to refute errors that have arisen that would have destroyed the church.
 - They have spoken the truth with patience in adverse situations—often under persecution at great peril to themselves and their families.
 - c. We live in a day when so many have forgotten their faithful labours.
 - We have set aside the confessions and creeds they laboured to produce and have drifted into the same errors that they corrected all over again.
 - We have been proud and acted as if we are the first to receive the word of God.
 - There is no confidence in that—God has had people through the ages that have followed His word and we need rely on their work.
 - It is part of honouring our fathers.

3. Third, give thanks for those shepherds the Lord has raised up for us today.
 - a. God has appointed elders and ministers that are *your* elders and ministers, to look after your soul.
 - He has given you parents that love you and that speak the word to you and teach you to trust God in your trials.
 - b. We spoke about the need to ask God to raise up great men to lead the whole church and repentance and reformation,
 - But the scripture also calls you to honour and obey those that God has given you to rule over you.
 - If you are a member of this church, then the word that is preached from this pulpit is especially given to you...
 - Give thanks for it and receive it—don't ignore it and miss it just because better preaching can be found elsewhere.
 - It is the word that God has given to you, however imperfect the shepherd may be, and you are to receive it with thanksgiving.
 - It is not the elders of another church, but the elders of this church that watch for your souls.
4. Fourth, give thanks for God's grace in your life that enables you to know the truth and to speak the truth.
 - Don't underestimate how much you know if you have God's Word.
 - You are not to be arrogant, but you must realise that you have eternal truth that will never fail when the wisdom of this world perishes.
 - So don't be ashamed of it.
 - Give thanks for it and speak into the lives of those around you with compassion.
 - You know the way of salvation and you can share it with them.
5. But fifthly, and above all, give thanks for the chief shepherd that God has raised up and made known to us...
 - a. Praise Him for our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom God sent from heaven to shepherd His people!
 - He is the one who has brought the word to us through the apostles and the prophets and the ministers who speak the word of God to us today.
 - It is His word of truth, His word of salvation, His promise of eternal life through His saving work.
 - b. Here is the shepherd who is so compassionate that He gave His life for you—so compassionate that He bore the full penalty of your sin.
 - Upon Him was laid the infinite wrath of God.
 - Into the bottomless pit He went for our sake.
 - And then He came forth, joyfully announcing salvation to everyone who believes.
 - c. He is the Saviour of the world—He is the Saviour from sin and from hell.
 - Give thanks for Him.

- Give thanks to Him.
- And come to Him and receive Him for eternal life.
 - He is the one God appointed to save us and there is no other.
 - He will feed you daily the bread of life...
 - Come to Him and He will by no means cast you out.