

Part II. 'I AM' the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-31)

- Look now more fully at Jesus' identification, I AM the Good Shepherd
- Blind man from birth healed by Jesus, Pharisees abused & cast him out
- In this context Jesus describes what God's True Shepherd is truly like
- Jesus: "I AM the door" sheep have access to the Father through Me
- God's shepherd leads & cares for them, has their best interest at heart

1. Good Shepherd Lays down His Life For the Sheep (11-13)

- I AM the good Shepherd, highlights the character of the shepherd

V. 11 I am the good shepherd [who] lays down his life for the sheep.

1) Jesus is the beautiful shepherd because He knows us intimately

2) Jesus is the beautiful shepherd because of His heart for us

- He pours out His soul for us & does not flee when the wolf comes

2. The Good Shepherd Knows His sheep personally (14-15)

- Jesus knows His Sheep, they know Him & they know the Father
- He loves His sheep and lays down His life for them

3. Shepherd has Sheep throughout the World they are one Fold (16)

- Jesus did not just come for the Jews but for the nations & tribes (Ps 2)

4. Shepherd is Obedient, Submits totally to the Father's Will. (17-18)

- Jesus lays down His life voluntarily only take up again & give us life

Conclusion: Disharmony, Confusion & Murderous Hatred Vs 19-31

- Two responses, kinds of people: they who hate Him & they who love Him. Many don't hear – unbelief – not His sheep