

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Reading: John 10:11-42

Singing: 242:1-4 – 321:1 – 55:1 & 3 – 135:1-5 – 221:1-3

The work of a shepherd is not always glamorous.

Jesus task as the “Good Shepherd” was far from easy.

Jesus is not *a* shepherd, but *the* Shepherd.

“I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep.” v11

I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine.”v14

We will now consider the Good Shepherd with two simple points:

1. Why did the Lord Jesus choose the name *Shepherd*?
2. How is He the *Good* Shepherd?

- The treatment of the once blind man shows that the religious leaders were not good shepherds
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd to lead us away from the brambles of earthly vanities.
- We are all led by something or someone who feed our minds and feelings.
- Are we following Jesus? He is Jehovah the I Am

2. I Am the Good Shepherd

- ❖ His Character is good

- He is not ashamed to humble Himself, even to the lowliest
- As the “Good Shepherd” He reaches out to the despised, the rejected.
- “I” will seek that which was lost

- ❖ The “Good Shepherd” will not leave His sheep as the hireling does.
 - He will never abandon His sheep.
 - Jesus seeks out the once blind man and brings him to greater faith.
 - What He has begun He will finish perfectly.

- ❖ Jesus is the Son of God.
 - The truth is the cornerstone of all hope
 - He is Good. He is perfect. He is sinless.
 - The Good Shepherd can shield us from the wrath of God.

- ❖ The Good Shepherd gave His life for His sheep.
 - He laid down His life willingly for enemies of Him and His Father.
 - He became the Sheep to be led to slaughter.

- ❖ The Good Shepherd knows his sheep
 - No shepherd knows his sheep better than Jesus
 - He knows all their weaknesses
 - What a glorious Shepherd – Come and See – Seek Him NOW
 - A privilege to be placed in His pastures under His covenant privileges.