

THE TRUE SHEPHERD

Eze 34:1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 34:2 **Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel**, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; **Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?**

Eze 34:3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

Eze 34:4 **The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick**, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, **neither have ye sought that which was lost**; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

Eze 34:5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

Eze 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Eze 34:7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

Eze 34:8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

Eze 34:9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

Eze 34:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, **I am against the shepherds**; and **I will require my flock at their hand**, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

The Lord God Will Seek Them Out

Eze 34:11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

The five-fold ministry is made up of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.

They are called of God and not of man. Pastor's are not self appointed. They should not be voted in by the congregation.

They should not be motivated by money. They should not be COIN OPERATED. In other words doing the work of God based upon monetary reward.

Many Evangelist missionaries working in developing nations are forced to pay pastors for their work. Even though the Evangelist gathers the sheep into the pastor's sheepfold (church); many times he is asked to pay all expenses.

We need the revelation of Psalm 23.

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

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: **for thou art with me**; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: **thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and **I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

David found the provision and goodness in the house of God.

He found that the anointing given by God was enough to satisfy his soul.

We need to prepare the church for the sheep. Let the GLORY feed the SHEEP.

Luk 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, **doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?**

Luk 15:5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luk 15:6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for **I have found my sheep which was lost.**

Lost sheep was a big issue to Christ. After all His life was all about "Lost Sheep". Pastor's are not looking for the sheep that failed to show up for the church service. Maybe they found another church. Maybe they just back-slid.

Some sheep may have wandered off because they were spiritually hungry. They needed fresh pasture; fresh word.

Some pastors are not feeding the sheep. A gospel message every Sunday is not feeding the sheep. All leaders need to study and find deep truths in the Word of God.

Many times, whilst doing my missionary work I discovered that sheep were not fed the Word of God that they desperately needed. We all need meat not milk.

Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, **even as unto babes in Christ.**

1Co 3:2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat:

Paul was restricted as to what he could preach. They refused to grow up and take the “meat” of the word of God.

Act 10:38 How God **anointed Jesus** of Nazareth **with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good**, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Jesus was a man of good works; however His works were anointed works, they included signs, wonders and miracles.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because **the LORD hath anointed me to preach** good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me **to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Jesus was very direct when His disciples. His teaching was simple!

Mat 10:7 And as ye go, **preach**, saying, **The kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

Mat 10:8 **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.**

What is the mark of a TRUE SHEPHERD or pastor or elder or five-fold ministers.

Mat 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and **to heal all manner** of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mat 10:7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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The work of the ministry included signs, wonders and miracle healings.