

① God has been dealing with me about a Blessing He has made available to His people, and how that Blessing can be had -

We shared with those dear people who were here on Wednesday night to handle the home's Business how we had used the 23rd Psalm in a funeral that day -

We shared how the winter was worshipping God for His goodness & His mercy -

How God takes the initiative and how He does everything for us, that we need Him to do -

And we shared how God does all things abundantly - Amen
Have you thanked Him lately?

If you'll look at the 23rd Psalm
you'll see how the writer
hooked on God.

He called Him "My Shepherd"
implying a very personal and
beautiful relationship.

My Shepherd / my Very Own Shepherd

- ① One who provides for me.
- ② One who protects me.
- ③ One who stands between me
and the enemy.

My Shepherd, who gives me
peace in the Midst of the
Storm"

My Shepherd who leads me in
a way where I'll not fall
where I'll not be done
by the enemy.

But I say again: For all this to
happen, we must follow the Shepherd

- The real Shepherds will not try
to tell you to sleep —
- ② They'll not try to tackle you
alone —
 - ③ They'll be afraid to lie to
you
 - ④ They'll tell you what God's word
says, and why God said it —

Who are these "So called shepherds"
leading? / "These who would
rather believe lies over the
truth"

{ These who feel that the
Chief Shepherd Ash is too
much —

{ These who deny the word
of God —

These who want to be #1
but refuse to be just one

Let me ask, "who is your shepherd"
"where is he leading" —
"what is he providing"
Is he working for the "Chief Shepherd"

2) The Bible tells us a time will come
that many will call themselves
"Shepherds" But when are
they leading — ² what are
they providing — ³ who
are they leading —

The Bible says many "are being
led to destruction" (Phil. 4:18 & 19)

The "So Called Shepherds" "are providing
Lies & Half truths" (Rom. 1:25)
What is happening? People
don't know what or who
to believe —

Timothy said this: "They have a form
of godliness, but actually deny
God" (2 Tim 3:5)

Oh dear people, what I say to you
is the truth — you need to have
a personal relationship with the
"Chief Shepherd" if you want
to know who the real Shepherd
are —

listen Carefully Now!!

If the Shepherd isn't leading you
(or attempting to lead you) the
way God's word says you ought
to go — (You're following the
wrong Shepherd) Amen

If he's not providing food from the
word of God (You're following the
wrong Shepherd) Amen.

And if His Boss is not the "Chief
Shepherd" you better look for
another Shepherd — Amen

But Listen: If your Shepherd is
a man of God, and you're not
willing to follow, the problem
is you're not his — Amen.

You see the key is "Fellowship"
All the provisions in the
world / all the leadership
in the world / won't amount to
a hill of beans without Fellowship.

Listen to the Words of Jesus / Jesus
is your Bible to the Gospel of
John, Chapter 10
Let's read verses 1-5 Verse 11
& Verse 14

Here Jesus Speaks of the way -
Here Jesus Speaks of the truth
And here Jesus Speaks of
Fellowship -

In Verse #1 Jesus says: "of a truth
There is but one way to God"

If anyone tells you there
are other ways, rather
than by way of the
work Jesus has done,
They are not "Good
Shepherds" -

They lie, you need to get away
from them -

Dear hearts, if you could be
saved by being baptized
Jesus could have stayed
at home - amen.

If you could be saved by "works", Jesus
could have saved himself the trip.

If you could be saved by "Belonging
to a church" Jesus could have
stayed in Heaven —

But you can't have access to God,
except by way of Jesus Christ —
Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
and then shall be saved —

That's the door, Jesus is the keeper
of the door —

The word "Thief" in Verse 1 means
"a False Teacher" (a False Shepherd)

And the word "Robber" is "One who
seeks to defeat those who
are not willing to follow the
plan of God —

In V. 2, Jesus says: "It is the Good
Shepherd who knows where the door is."

And they who would have access to
God must follow Him through the Door.

The word "Porter" in Verse 3 means
more than an "Attendant" it means
"Guardian" One who has the
responsibility of letting the
"Shepherd in —

Wouldn't you agree that the
Guardian of the Door is some
other than the Holy Spirit
of God —

You see, Jesus has already
said: "No man can come to
the Father except he is drawn"
(John 6:44)

And He also said: when the Spirit
comes, He will convict the world
of their sins — He will show them
how badly they need a Saviour. John 16

You see, "God's word is true", It's His
Way or no way — Amen

So the Holy Spirit was the heart of
a lost person, "He draws them
to the Sheepfold" where they
become one of the flock —

Then we see "Fellowship" in Verse
3 & 4

We see protection & leadership

And we see "Proof of Purchase"

You see "The Lord Jesus" the "Good
Shepherd" knows His Sheep personally.

He calls them by Name

They hear His voice & they
recognize His voice & they
are willing to be led by Him —

Oh Dear hearts, are you getting the
message?

① God knows who His children

are —

② He knows who is saved and
who is not —

③ He knows who will follow & who will not.

The evidence presents it self —

There is "Proof of Purchase"

Proof that these in the family of God
are "Blood Bought" // Proof that
the price has been paid for
them —

They know the voice to listen to,
They willingly follow after Him,

Let me tell you folks, "If a sheep knows
the Shepherd, you don't have to
force it to follow Him"

You don't have to coerce or
threaten him, you don't have
to remind the sheep over and
over who the Shepherd is "

They are anxious to follow Him —

And just as a sheep runs from one
who is not their Shepherd Jesus
says: His sheep, His followers
know the enemy —

They know a lie when they hear it -

They know when one is leading astray -

They know when one is leading or preaching the Gospel according to man // Rather than the Gospel according to God"

How² become they study God's Word

② They converse with God

③ They know His Voice

In Verse 10, Jesus says: The thief or false shepherd is not interested in showing you God's way - He's not interested in your deliverance but rather your destruction -

But, Jesus says: The good shepherd wants you to have life, abundant life - and has made provision for it -

Now dear hearts, you must listen, or miss the purpose of the entire message - U-14 -

Jesus said: It is I who have made it
all possible // (I have made
provisions for your salvation)
(I have provided the way,
And leadership to it)

The Holy Spirit has shown you the
Door of Access to God —
what have you done about it —

John 10:14 Jesus said: There is
no question about it, "I know
my sheep" (I know who has
been saved God's way, and I know
who is trying to be saved man's way)

And Jesus also said: "And I Am known
of mine" or those who are truly
saved, know it. This is "Proof
of Berea" what is it?

Letting God have His will & way.

Letting Jesus be Lord of all.

Letting our time be at His disposal

Being Faithful & obedient to His work

Who's the Shepherd whom we follow?