

I. Setting the context for chapter 10...

A. The story of chapter 9 is CLOSELY linked with chapter 10

1. There were no CHAPTER and VERSE divisions until centuries later
2. The healed man WORSHIPS and the Pharisees WAR against Jesus
3. The discourse simply CONTINUES into chapter 10

B. Chapter 10 is Jesus' FINAL public discourse

C. The interpreter's task is to understand HOW the text was UNDERSTOOD when first given

D. The Old Testament is filled with the imagery of a SHEPHERD

II. The Shepherd and his sheep

A. Identifying the IMAGERY

1. The SHEEPFOLD = JUDAISM
2. The DOOR and GATEKEEPER = MESSIANIC OFFICE...
3. THIEVES and ROBBERS = RELIGIOUS LEADERS
4. The SHEPHERD = JESUS
5. The SHEEP = JEWISH BELIEVERS

B. Applying the ANALOGIES vs. 1-10

1. The Shepherd, the sheep and it's MORNING vs. 1-6

- There are FALSE shepherds v. 1
- The true Shepherd calls them by NAME vs. 2-3
- The true Shepherd LEADS them out and they FOLLOW vs. 4-5
- The religious leaders don't UNDERSTAND at all v. 6

2. The Shepherd, the sheep and the PASTURE vs. 7-10

- There's a CHANGE in metaphor
- There's another I AM v. 7
- There are still FALSE shepherds v. 8
- There is new LIFE vs. 9-10
 - SALVATION is in view
 - SECURITY is in view
 - SATISFACTION is the result

III. What we take away...

To know the shepherd better we need to be listening to his voice.
He speaks to us clearly in his Word. (Are we listening?)