

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?)