



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 10:11-21 (NAS)

“The Shepherd Laying Down His Life For The Sheep”

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- 11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
12 "He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them.
13 "He flees because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.
14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me,
15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
16 "And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock with one shepherd.
17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."
19 There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words.
20 And many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?"
21 Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

I. THE TITLE OF SHEPHERD IN THE SCRIPTURE

- A. Abel *Genesis 4:4*
- B. Abraham
- C. Jacob
- D. David
- E. Isaiah's Prophecy *Isaiah 40:11*

II. GOOD SHEPHERD SET IN CONTRAST

- A. Good Shepherd Is The Owner, He Purchased Them
- B. The Hireling—There Only For Money *Colossians 3:23-24*

- 1. Labors today
- 2. Minister seeking financial gain

C. The Character Is Important

- 1. Search for a spouse
- 2. Hiring a worker
- 3. Choosing a leader in the church *I Timothy 3:1-6, 7*

III. THE SHEPHERD

A. Good—More Than Just Morally Good—He Is Worthy

B. Lays Down His Life

- 1. In service *Mark 10:45*
- 2. In death—atonement
 - a. The centrality of the atonement *I Corinthians 2:2*
 - b. The voluntary nature of His death *Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:53*
 - c. Vicarious *Romans 5:8*
 - d. God's plan *Acts 2:22-23*
 - e. Personal and particular *John 17:9; Hebrews 12:2; John 15:3*
 - f. One flock—present and future who hear His voice *Romans 10:14-15*

IV. THE DIVISION

- A. The World
- B. Those Who Are Christ's Own *II Corinthians 2:15-16*