

Sunday, November 1st, 2020

**Title: Just A Sheep!?!
Series: Hearing God...1
Text: John 10:1 - 18**

Introduction:

Review of the last Sunday's devotional:
Fill Me with the Holy Spirit:

Reading:
John 10:1 – 18 Isaiah 53:1 - 12

1. Two Different Types of Sheep:

1.1) The NATURAL Sheep:

Isaiah 53:6, *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

1.2) The Lord's Own Sheep:

John 10:3, *"To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."*

1.3) The Fundamental Difference in the Two Sheep:

~ Ephesians 2:1 – 6 One is dead and one is alive
~ 1 Corinthians 2:14, *"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."*

2. The Natural Sheep Hears But Rejects:

2:1) Almighty God Invites ALL to Reason:

~ Isaiah 1:18, *"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."*

Compare Romans 10:1 - 16

2:2) The Natural response:

Isaiah 53

~ Verse 1, *"Who has believed...?"*

~ Verse 2, *"and no beauty that we should desire him."*

~ Verse 3, *"He was despised and rejected by men...hid their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."*

2:3) The Natural person remains Unrepentant!

Matthew 4:17, From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

3. The Lord's Own Sheep:

3.1) Accepted His offer to come and reason, accepted His cleansing and now have their name in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 21:27, *"But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life."*

3.2) Now we are one of the sheep belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – 18, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold, the new has come. (18) All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;"*

3.3) Notice our propensities as His sheep in John 10!

~ verse 3, *"The sheep hear his voice,"*

~ verse 4, *"and the sheep follow him,"*

~ verse 4, *"for they know his voice."*

~ verse 5, *"A stranger they will not follow"*

3.4) Does this mean believers never err, are never deceived or make shipwreck?
Absolutely NOT!!!

It means we must really work at it, turning our back on His Word, His Spirit and His servants called to walk with us! We must willfully and deliberately act contrary to the NEW NATURAL PROPENSITIES that accompany the new birth (Ezekiel 36:26).

~ 2 Timothy 2:15, *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."*

~ 2 Timothy 3:13, *"while evil people and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived."*

~ 2 Corinthians 11:13 – 15, *"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. (14) And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. (15) So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."*

~ 1 Timothy 1:17 – 20, *"This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, (19) holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, (20) among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme."*

God will never override our free will; but by Regeneration (new birth), His Word, His Holy Spirit and fellow servants that He adds to our lives, He desires to make us WILLING!