

THE CHIEF SHEPHERD I PETER 6:1-4

INTRODUCTION

1. The word shepherd means herdsman
2. The shepherd watches over the sheep LK 2:8.
3. The shepherd leads the sheep to water and green pastures Ps 23
4. The shepherd protects the sheep I Sam 17:34-36
5. The chief shepherd is over all others, chief implies it.

I. THE CHIEF SHEPHERD IS A LAMB

1. John the Baptist said, behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world JN 1:29.
2. He put away sin by the sacrifice of himself Heb 9:26.
3. We have redemption through his blood EPH 1:7
4. We are justified by his blood ROM 5:9.
5. He is our Passover I CO 5:7.
6. He is the lamb without spot or blemish I PETER 1:19.

II. THE CHIEF SHEPHERD KNOWS

1. What is like to be God JN 1:1.
2. What it is like to be a man PHIL 2:5-8.
3. What it is like to be tempted HEB 2:18.
4. What it is like to be despised ISAIAH 53:3.
5. What it is like to be rejected ISAIAH 53:3; JN 1:11.
6. What is like when they want listen MK 6:1-6.
7. What it is like to be mocked MAT 27:29.
8. What it is like to be beat up MAT 26:67.
9. What it is like to be scourged MAT 27:26.
10. What it is like to hang on a cross MAT 27:35.
11. What it is like to die MAT 27:50
12. The Chief Shepherd knows his sheep and call them by name JN 10:3.
13. The Chief Shepherd knows his shepherds JN 15:16; ACTS 9:15.

III. IS HE YOUR SHEPHERD PS 23

1. If so you shall not want PS 23:1; PS 37:25.
2. If so he will make you lie down in green pastures PS23:2
3. If so he will lead you by still waters PS 23:2
4. If so he will restore your soul Ps 23:3
5. If so he will lead you in paths of righteousness PS 23:3
6. If so in the shadow of death you want fear no evil PS 23:4.
7. If so his rod and staff will comfort you PS 23:4
8. If so he will prepare a table for you in the presence of your enemies Ps 23:5
9. If so he will anoint your head with oil PS 23:5
10. If so your cup will run over PS 23:5.
11. If so goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life PS 23:6.
12. If so you will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever PS 23:6.

IV. THE CHIEF SHEPHERD'S SHEPHERDS

1. Pastors are some times called under shepherds, that title is not in the bible, but it is implied by the title Chief Shepherd I PETER 5:4.
2. Shepherd is not used for the new testament preacher, but pastor is and means the same EPH 4:11.
3. Paul says, the apostles, prophets, Evangelists, pastors and teachers were given for:
 - A. Perfecting of the saints(perfectly furnished- Strong) EPH 4:12.
 - B. Work of the ministry EPH 4:12.
 - C. For edifying the body of Christ EPH 4:12.
 - B. That we be not tossed about by every wind of doctrine Eph 4:14.
4. The chief shepherd charged Peter JN 21:15-17.
 - A. Feed my sheep.
 - B. Shepherd my sheep (Strong).
 - C. Feed my lambs.

V. PETER EXHORTS HIS FELLOW SHEPHERDS I PETER 5:4

1. Feed the flock of God I PETER 5:2.
2. Take the oversight I PETER 5:2.
 - A. Not by constraint.
 - B. Not for filthy lucre.
 - C. Neither being lords over God's heritage.
 - D. Be examples.
3. When the chief shepherd comes you will receive a crown of glory I Peter 5:4.
 - A. J. M. Pendleton says, A crown of heavenly blessedness.