

# ONE FLOCK and ONE SHEPHERD



Throughout the entire Bible God uses the analogy of SHEPHERD/SHEEP to describe the relationship between himself and his chosen, saved people.

**\*Appropriate**

(there are some similarities!)

**Understandable**

(ANE world = prominent, ubiquitous, familiar, necessary to everyone!)



**Spiritual Life > Sheep Life (John 10)**

1. Concerning God's (everlasting) life, people are hungry and helpless. They need a guide and caretaker, a SHEPHERD.



2. Jesus Christ is the ONE God sent for all people throughout all ages ... the only true GOOD SHEPHERD.

3. Every other person or philosophy which promises everlasting life is a “thief, hired hand, or stranger” and will ultimately **steal** or **destroy** my dream of heaven.

- Do I **trust** and **follow** Jesus?
- Do I **hear** and **heed** his voice?
- Do I **refuse** to **follow** the stranger's voice?



## **Characteristic of “leadership”**

THIEF = **selfishness** (greed)

HIRED HAND = **service** (convenience)

SHEPHERD = **sacrifice** (love)

## **Shepherd's goal**

- **know** the people
- **lay down** their life for the people
- **bring** "other/outside" people into the flock
- **lead** people into nourishment and security



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