

PASTORS

Jeremiah 10:21 "For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered." KJV

PASTORING



What my friends think I do



What my mother thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What my congregation
thinks I do



What I think I do



What I really do

Isaiah 9:16 "For the leaders of this people cause [them] to err; and [they that are] led of them [are] destroyed" KJV

Ezekiel 34:1-15 "Again a word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy and say to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord, Lord, O Shepherds of Israel! Do shepherds feed themselves? Do no the shepherds feed their flocks? 3 Behold you devour the milk and clothe yourselves with fleeces, and that which is fat you slaughter; but My (true) flock you do not feed. 4

You have no strengthened the weak nor cured the diseased. That which was bruised you have not bound up, nor brought back that which was going astray, nor have you searched for that which was lost: but you have wearied out the strong with toil, 5 so that My (true) flock is dispersed for want of shepherds, and is become a prey to all the wild beasts of the field. 6 On every mountain and on every high hill My (true) sheep are scattered, and dispersed over the ace of the earth; and there is none who seeketh or bringeth them back. 7 Therefore, O shepherds, hear a word of the Lord! 8 As I live, saith the Lord, Because My (true) flock is become a prey, and My (true) sheep are become meat for all the wild beasts of the field, beyond what they would be were there no shepherds; and the shepherds have not looked out for My (true) sheep, and the shepherds have fed themselves and have no tended My (true) sheep; 9 Therefore, O shepherds, 10 thus saith the Lord God: Behold I am against the shepherds; and I will exact My (true) sheep out of their hands, and discharge them from feeding My (true) sheep: and these shepherds shall no longer feed them. I will rescue My (true) sheep out of their mouth, that they may no longer be food for them. 11 For thus saith the Lord God: Lo! I Myself will seek My (true) sheep and watch over them. 12 As a shepherd searcheth for his flock when mist and murky air overspread his scattered sheep: so will I diligently seek My (true) sheep, and bring them from every place, where they have been dispersed in the day of mist and murky darkness. 13 And I will lead them out from among the nations, and gather them from the countries, and bring them into their own land, and feed them on the mountains of Israel, and in the vales and in the all the habitable part of the land. 14 I will feed them in good pasture. On the lofty mountain of Israel shall be their folds; there they shall lie down and

rest there in luxurious ease, and be fed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I Myself will feed My (true) sheep and I Myself will give them repose, and they shall know that I am the Lord." ^{Thomson}
^{Septuagint}

Ezekiel 34:16-17 ""I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." 17 'And [as for] you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats."` ^{KJV}

Jeremiah 2:8 "The priests said not, Where [is] the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after [things that] do not profit." ^{KJV}

Jeremiah 12:10 "Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness." ^{KJV}

Jeremiah 22:21-22 "I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; [but] thou saidst, I will not hear. This [hath been] thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. 22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness." ^{KJV}

Isaiah 56:10-11 "His watchmen [are] blind: they are all ignorant, they [are] all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 Yea, [they are] greedy dogs [which] can never have enough, and they [are] shepherds [that] cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." ^{KJV}

Jeremiah 50:6 "My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away [on] the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace." ^{KJV}

Zechariah 10:3 "my anger burns against your 'shepherds'- your leaders- and I will punish them-these goats. For the Lord of heaven's armies has arrived to help his flock of Judah. I will make them strong and glorious like a proud steed in battle." ^{Living Bible}

Malachi 1:6 "A son honoureth [his] father, and a servant his master: if then I [be] a father, where [is] mine honour? and if I [be] a master, where [is] my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?" ^{KJV}

Malachi 2:4-8 "And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him [for] the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he [is] the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts." ^{KJV}

Malachi 2:17 "Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied [him]? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil [is] good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where [is] the God of judgment?" ^{KJV}

Jeremiah 5:12 "They have lied about the LORD, And said, "[It is] not He. Neither will evil come upon us, Nor shall we see sword or famine." NKJV

James 4:4 "4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." KJV



Jeremiah 17:5 "Thus saith the LORD; Cursed [be] the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." KJV

Jeremiah 5:31 "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love [to have it] so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" KJV

Jeremiah 6:13-14 "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one [is] given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 14 They have healed also the hurt [of the daughter] of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when [there is] no peace" KJV

Matthew 15:7-9 "[Ye] hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men." KJV

Matthew 15:13-14 "But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." KJV

Matthew 23:10 "Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, [even] Christ." KJV (See also 1John 2:27)

John 12:26 "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour." KJV

True Shepherds

CHRIST

John 10:11, 15-16 “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd.” KJV

JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 17:16 “As for me, I have not hurried away from [being] a shepherd [who] follows You, Nor have I desired the woeful day; You know what came out of my lips; It was right there before You.” KJV

Millennial Jerusalem

Jeremiah 3:14-18 “Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: 15 And I will give you **pastors according to mine heart**, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit [it]; neither shall [that] be done any more. 17 At that time they shall call **Jerusalem the throne of the LORD**; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the **imagination of their evil heart**. 18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.” ^{KJV}

