

The Instruments Of A Foolish Shepherd Pt2

ZECHARIAH 11:15-17a

15. And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet **the instruments of a foolish shepherd.**

16. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which **shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still:** but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17a. **Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock!**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-0112]

Your position is--in Christ is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit. And then **if you want to know whether it's the Holy Spirit or not, find out whether He blesses what you're doing, or not.** And if He blesses it, then that's Him. If He doesn't bless...

Like someone said to me not long ago, said, "The Lord called me to preach."

I said, "**Well, then preach.**" See? And so he--he... I really think it's so... Satan, if he can just get somebody as to act like that and then deceive them, that's just what he wants to do. Then the whole world points their finger right there. Somebody thinks they have a gift of speaking in tongues and interpretation; some has the gift of Divine healing; some has these things like... Sometimes they're mistaken in those things. See? And sometimes they think they haven't got it when they have. So it's very tricky.

So always do this, brethren, whenever you feel that you're supposed to do a thing, **first find out if it's Scriptural for you to do it,** if it's in the Scriptures, not just wrote in one place, but I mean completely Scriptural through the Bible for you to do it, your position, say if you'd be an **evangelist, pastor, teacher, prophet, whatever that God might've called you to be.** You see? Or if you have the gift of tongues, gift of interpretation, gift of any--any kind of the nine spiritual gifts in the church, and the four spiritual offices of the church, any position, first see if God called.

Then, usually, way I watch it for myself, just... This is me. I watch the nature of the person and see what kind of a gift that they're professing. See, **God will work with His creature the way He's made him.** See? He'll make a creature...

If you see him real flighty and going on, you--and he says, "The Lord called me for such and such a--to be a pastor." Now, **a pastor can't be a flighty person.** A pastor's solid, sound. See?

"God called me to be a teacher." And watch him how he interprets the Word. See? He gets It all mixed up and everything, then you can tell. See? But then, the thing to do, **your position is usually known whether you can do it or not.**

THIRST [65-0919]

Now sometimes we make the church programs, they also call for their--their pastor. The church goes to vote the pastor, they say, "Well, this pastor, now, he has got two degrees in college. He learned four years of psychology. He took this, that, the other." And they'll vote that kind of a man in (why?) **instead of a pastor who believes in God's Word being inspired and being God, and will preach the Word regardless of how people feel about It.**

God told Ezekiel, you know, said, "**Preach that whether they believe It or not. You preach It, anyhow.**" See? Right. Whether they accept It, or not, that ain't it. They didn't accept Jesus. He went right on, preaching It just the same. See?

Instead of a real pastor that will really preach the Word and believe in God, they--they--they try to bring in the--the intellect, the man who has got the best education; the man who can stand in the pulpit and don't take but just about fifteen minutes, so they can get home right quick, and go (some) do something else...

THE TIME OF DECISION [59-0611]

Eliezer when he had the assurance that the Angel was going before him, then he could decide to go, because he had something to back him up.

I think **that ought to be the assurance of every man of God that preaches the Gospel, that he's got something positive from God that'll back up what he preaches. If you haven't got it, brethren, it's for you.** God still sends His men with an Angel before him when he goes to take the message to the church.

Not only that, but when Eliezer left, the father of Isaac which represented the Father of Christ. He loaded the whole train of camels with good gifts for the bride. Oh, I feel religious right now. Oh, how I love Jesus. He loaded the camels full of good gifts to give to the bride, and **he never told her that they were for another generation or another day, but they were for the bride.**

And every true servant of God that's sent out has got a whole Book full of Divine promises that he can offer to the Bride. I'm so glad of that. **He's got gifts in there for her, and He will not hold any of them back.** He will get every one of them cleanly. **A true servant, a model servant, a servant that God can put trust in. He won't try to hide it back from her,** because he knows that she is the oncoming Queen.

Oh, there is no good thing withheld from them that'll walk upright before Him. "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. If ye abide in Me and My Word's in you, ask what you will, and it shall be given unto you." The Book's full of it. And **every promise in the Book is yours, you the Bride.**

THE GODHEAD EXPLAINED [61-0425B]

...pastors sometime are suspicious of--of things that they hear, and I think they have a right to be; because if I understand the translation of the word "pastor," it means "a shepherd." And therefore, he is a feeder or herder of a group of men and women of which the Holy Spirit has made him the overseer of, and he has the right to know what kind of a food his sheep is getting, and where it's coming from.

REDEMPTION BY JUDGMENT [54-1114]

I sure appreciate our pastor here, Brother Neville, as a--a true servant of the Lord. He... Just as soon as anything...

You know, a real shepherd will watch. And if there's anything gets wrong with the sheep, he's right on the guard, isn't he? A real shepherd... But a hireling runs back and lets the thing go through and kill the sheep and... Isn't that right? But a real shepherd's on his guard.

A little tract was passed and sent out this week to many of the members of the church through here, as I understand. Was concerning a--a--a--a doctrine, a cult, that originates in West Virginia. And it's nothing. Friends, it's--it's nothing new; it's old. And they deny Jesus--His Name being Jesus. And they... Now, and the pastor, as soon as he found it, he rushes right to me and tells me about it. Something to be done? I said, "Well, surely the church, established enough in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, knows better than that. See? They--that they call it Yahweh, Yoshua, Yahweh.

Now, our old--dear old Brother Ryan, that comes here once in a while, he's mixed up in that too. And--and Mrs. Larson, that was once here with us, she's into that also, and getting a whole group of them start...

Now, Christian friend, the word 'Joshua'... And they say the Bible is misprinted, misinterpreted, and so forth. Look. Don't pay no attention, what people saying about that Bible being misprinted. If this is misprinted, something else they say, "This just as misprinted," where's your faith laying at? This is God's Word. This is the way it looks right here. See? And I believe it just...

Now, the Word of... Now, here is fact. The lady that come to me here, some time ago... And I--she didn't believe that His Name was Jesus. She said His Name should be Jehovah, Jr. Hmm. So I said, "Lady..." See, what it is, friends, people who has those minds, receptacles to--to 'isms,' the first thing you know, they get it, a spirit of delusion, and go off and believe an error. And they're--they're just ready for something like that. And don't, don't do that. Be solid. The Bible said, "Be stable, unmovable (See?), abounding in Christ."

Now, first person I ever turned from my house in my life was this woman. I said, "Don't come up here if you can't come and talk of something different from that, because that's... I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God." And I said, "That's... My faith is built on that."

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"Josh-u-a," is the Name of Jesus in Hebrew. That's all. If it's in English, it's "Jesus," means "Josh-u-a," "Joshua," "Josh-u-a." It's just the same thing. See?

Now, if you want to say, "Well, you ought to say it in the Hebrew word." Then we ought to say all the rest of it in the Hebrew word. See? Then we all ought to understand Hebrew and let the Hebrew then the--be the international dialect. **So see how thin it is? There's nothing to it.**

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN [61-1231M]

Therefore, it's the duty of we as pastors to see that this flock is fed and fed right, because God Almighty will require your blood at our hands. At the day of the judgment we'll answer for you. So seeing this great tremendous responsibility that's placed upon us, and God has given us people who love us and come to hear us, then **we should spend our time constantly watching for your souls.** And when the first little thing we see raising up that's not right, **it's our duty to come to that person, because we are shepherds watching that sheep.** And if I see that sheep eating on a weed that will kill it, I better drive it away from that weed, jerk the weed right away from it so it cannot get to it because it'll kill the sheep.

And there's known in the western countries a weed that an--an animal can eat; it's called **locoweed.** I don't know whether anybody ever heard of it or not, a locoweed. Yes. A horse can eat that, and you just can't do nothing with him. He just becomes an outlaw. You can't put a saddle on him, and you can't do nothing with him. It's called **locoweed.** And you must keep your--your stock away from that weed. And if it'll cause a horse to eat something... If a horse, rather, it'll eat something that throws him into this condition, into this spasm, why, **you would be a very poor cowboy to let your horse eat a weed, locoweed. It shows that you don't care.**

And a real pastor, a real servant of Christ will be a poor example of Christ to see the sheep eat something that's going to drive him away, or make him a outlaw before God, a breaker of His Word, a breaker of His commandments. You shouldn't do that. **You should watch that very closely.**