## Bible Study – May 11, 2025

# The Great Shepherd who is also The Lamb of God

In **Matthew 9:36** "When He (Jesus) saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd."

## John 10:14-16

<sup>1</sup>I assure you: Anyone who doesn't enter the sheep pen by the door but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The doorkeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't recognize the voice of strangers.

<sup>6</sup> Jesus gave them this illustration, but they did not understand what He was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus said again, "I assure you: I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and doesn't own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> This happens because he is a hired man and doesn't care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, <sup>15</sup> as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> But I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd."

The mission field for the Church in America is everywhere your footsteps take you, everything in your viewing, and where God intersects others with you in public or viewing devices, and where the Holy Spirit gives you His thoughts, words, and gestures of a Christ-like nature and countenance to invite a conversation of any length. All of which you posture yourself in prayer to get the Jesus-focus before you start forming your own opinions of situations.

We don't know the history of the situation, or the whole story. What we see in a moment needs the power of God to affirm and or make changes to conform to His Word.

Where will the Good Shepherd lead you today?

# Standing on the Promises

## 1 Corinthians 15:58

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

## Philippians 1:27

<sup>27</sup> Just one thing: Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith that comes from the gospel,

# Philippians 4:1

 $^1$  So then, my brothers, you are dearly loved and longed for — my joy and crown. In this manner stand firm in the Lord, dear friends.



1 Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, Through eternal ages let his praises ring; Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

# [Refrain]:

Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail. When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

# Our standing before God; positioned, framed, reframed and, transformed in love:

## Mark 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the good news of God: <sup>15</sup> "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!"

## Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly.

<sup>7</sup> For rarely will someone die for a just person — though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die.

<sup>8</sup> But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

## 2 Corinthians 5:17

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.

### Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to

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this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

# The standing of the redeemed in Christ in the world around us:

#### Jude 1-4

- <sup>1</sup>To those who are the called, loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ.
- <sup>2</sup> May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
- <sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write and exhort you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all. <sup>4</sup> For some men, who were designated for this judgment long ago, have come in by stealth; they are ungodly, turning the grace of our God into promiscuity and denying Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord.

# 1 Timothy 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it pleases God our Savior,