

SHEEP

The Bible often mentions sheep and many times this refers to people. Those who have the Lord (born again) have the Good Shepherd. Those who do not know the Good Shepherd are lost sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34

“And when He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.”

The Bible clearly defines what the characteristics are of true spiritual sheep. Much like natural sheep, they recognize their shepherd’s voice and obediently follow wherever he leads. They do not give credence to a stranger’s voice, because they are familiar with the shepherd and therefore will follow him only. So, there is a clear differentiation between a sheep and who He calls My sheep.

John 10:27-28

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.”

John 10:4

“When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.”

This is in agreement with what the Word says about Christians in the book of Romans:

Romans 8:14

“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

Sons of God are not all those who claim to be Christians, but those who bow the knee and let Jesus be Lord. This is in agreement with the true confession of both the heart and mind when we are truly born again.

Romans 10:9

“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus {as} Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;”

A true sheep or a son of God is in covenant with the Lord because he follows (or is led), which indicates he is a true friend of God.

John 15:14

“You are My friends, if you do what I command you.”