

Saturday, 8/30 at 4:00 | Sunday, 8/31 at 9:00

Shepherding the Sheep



At Bethlehem Parma

Part 1 (8/23 & 24)

- Jesus – The **ONLY** Way!
- My World
- The Ultimate and Under
- Difficult But Good

Part 2 (8/30 & 31)

- God's Word
- Joy or Grief
- Vital Signs
- Knowing God and Jesus

Part 3 (9/6 & 7)

- Relationship Basics
- God's Kingdom First
- Faith and Works Order
- How Can I Help You?

Part 2 | Text: NAS 1995

Introduction

Dear friends: This is part 2 of 3. See the image above for what we have covered so far and what is yet to come.

What Do You Do with God's Word?

Think about your normal routine with God's word; then check the option below that fits your normal routine:

- ☐ I **hear** (*good, but don't stop there*).
- ☐ I **hear** and **understand** (*good, but it is also vital to believe and apply*).
- ☐ I **hear**, **understand**, and **believe** (*good, then do it*).

James 1:22 "...prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."

- ☐ I **hear**, **understand**, **believe**, and **apply**. *Such people are*

*under the LORD's promised **prosperity** and **success**.*

Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate on it day and night**, [Why?] **so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it**; [Why?] **for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.**"

Are You Causing Joy or Grief?

Hebrews 13:17 "**Obey** your leaders and **submit** to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account [to God]. Let them do this **with joy** and **not with grief**, for this would be unprofitable for you."

- Causing Joy☺ – Thanks so much!
- Causing Grief☹ – When? When you:
 - Hear God's word but do not do it.
 - Put this world before Jesus.
 - Use logic to cancel God's word.

These Things Are Vital

- Be open to all of God's word! Not sure if the Bible is true? See this brochure: [The Bible Is True](#)

VITAL  SIGNS

- Continue in repentance in all these ways:
 - Godly sorrow ([2 Cor. 7:10](#)).
 - Saving faith ([Rom. 3:20-22](#)).

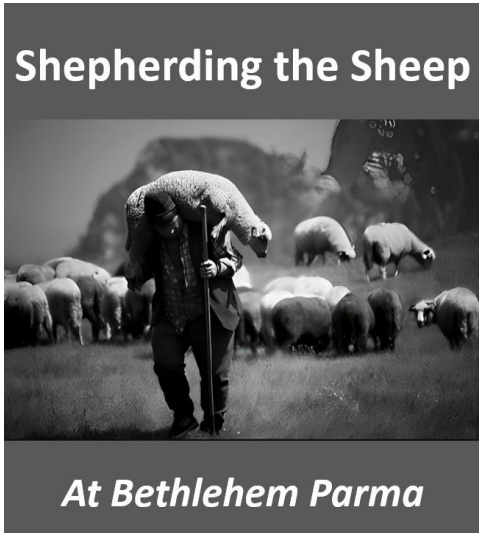
- Bible nourishment ([Mt. 4:4](#)).
- God-honoring life ([1 Cor. 10:31](#)).

We Must KNOW God and Jesus

- **John 17:3** [*Jesus prayed to His Father:*] “This is eternal life, that they may **know You**, the only true God, **and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent.”
 - ✓ The essence of eternal life is **knowing the Father and His Son**.
 - ✓ Do you KNOW them? Are you in RELATIONSHIP with them?
 - ✓ **If not or not sure:** see the [What If You Died Today](#) brochure **and ask me to help you know for sure!**
- **Matthew 7:22-23** [Jesus said:] “Many [*who trusted in their own good works*] will say to Me on that day [*when I return*], ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you; depart from Me**, you who practice lawlessness.’”
 - ✓ We are saved through **Jesus’ work**, **not ours!**
 - ✓ God-acceptable good works **never precede** our saving faith but **result from** our saving faith.
 - ✓ **Hebrews 11:6** ...without faith it is impossible to please [*God*]...
 - ✓ **Romans 14:23** ...whatever is not from faith is sin.

Conclusion

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Let Us Pray: Dear Holy Spirit, since the forces of evil are so active to deceive us, please make us hungry to keep **hearing, understanding, believing,** and **applying** the Bible, and, *through Jesus' alone,* let us be certain that we are in possession of God's gift of eternal life!

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