

CHURCH SERIES: THE FLOCK OF GOD

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SHEEP	LEADING	ISRAEL	SHEPHERD
BEAR	AFFLICTION	SCATTERED	FOOD
BAD	GOOD	RELATIONSHIP	CHIEF
PURCHASED	BLOOD	OVERSEER	FLOCK
BISHOP	SOULS	ASTRAY	INIQUITY

Complete from the Words Above

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June 20th Answers

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Church Series: The Church

Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

Website

Meeting Location

ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY:

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Bible Study:

Volume III

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It Was Not Cheap

“What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated” (Thomas Paine, 1776).

The truthfulness of this statement can be seen in nigh unto every aspect of life. Everything in life has a price tag and the willingness of an individual to pay the price is related to the “dearness only that gives every thing its value.” With the Fourth of July rapidly approaching, a focus is placed upon the freedoms our nation enjoys as a result of the blessings of God and the blood that was shed by our fathers in order to pass those freedoms on to their children.

Our nation is experiencing, and has been for decades, a decline in an appreciation of these freedoms that entailed the shedding of life, limb, and hope of achieving the very thing that those who fought envisioned, i.e., a (Continued Pg. 2)

continued freedom for the families they hoped to engender. How many godly men and women were never brought into the world as a result of the sacrifices of their hopeful fathers?

The phrase, “What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly,” has included statements such as, “The child was born with a silver spoon in its mouth.” This exemplifies the fact that what requires no labor to obtain has little or no value. Many know how much something costs, but do not know how much it cost to produce. As our nation regales children with party favors and balloons, the cost is most generally lost. There is a Netflix documentary that would be beneficial for all age groups of our nation to view: Tales of the Night, Children in Need, Part I and II. “What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly.”

King David understood the value of godly service, when he “said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for Jehovah, nor offer a burnt-offering without cost” (1 Chron. 21:24).

In the present-day religious world, it appears that individuals have lost a mind of reason when they read the apostle Paul’s affirmation: “the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). Ah, salvation is free, i.e., costs us nothing!

The ole cliché “nothing is free” is true, even in the realm of salvation. It is true that access to eternal life is “the free gift of God,” but that does not mean there was no cost in providing, or no cost in obtaining. God’s cost: “For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time” (1 Tim. 2:5-6). Man’s cost: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

Would you “take that which is...for Jehovah,” and offer unto God that which is “without cost”? What dearness do you place on salvation? The Lord’s message to Jew and Gentile, is this: “that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance” (Acts 26:20). Ross Triplett, Sr.

Church Series: The Flock of God

I. Concept of Sheep:

- A. Used to describe the people of God:
 - 1. Psa. 77:20 – Jehovah’s leading of Israel.
 - 2. Isa. 53:1-6 – Man’s condition and God’s provisions
- B. Jehovah described as shepherds:
 - 1. Psa. 23:1 – Jehovah is my shepherd.
 - 2. Psa. 28:9 – Be their shepherd, “and bear them up.”

II. The Consequences of Having No Shepherd:

- A. Zech. 10:2 – Results in affliction
- B. Ezek. 34:5 – Scattered and became food.

III. Consequences of bad Shepherds:

- A. Jer. 50:6 – Lost
- B. Ezek. 34:1-6 – Do not feed

IV. Jesus the Shepherd of His Flock:

- A. Jn. 10:1-16 - Jesus used this concept to denote his relationship with his people.
- B. 1 Pet. 5:4 - Jesus the chief shepherd.

V. The Church as the Flock of God:

- A. Acts 20:28 – Purchased by Jesus
- B. 1 Pet. 5:1, 3 – Shepherds to oversee

VI. What Jesus Did for His Flock:

- A. Isa. 53:6 – “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
- B. 1 Pet. 2:25 - “For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”

Solomon Says

*If thou know not, O thou fairest among women,
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.
Song of Solomon 1:8*