

Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



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“Some Other Way”

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John 10:1-6,

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.”

“Verily, Verily”

The phrase “*verily, verily*” occurs twenty-five times in the Word of God and all of them are found in the Book of John. The Lord was saying, “Everybody, listen! I’m about to tell you something very important.”

The word “*verily*” means “*truly, truly,*” or double truth. When someone important says something, he usually has to say it only one time.

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How To Spot Somebody Who Is After Your Sheep



“He entereth not by the door.”

“He climbeth up some other way.”

He Is Not Looking For Goats, He Is After Sheep

He is sneaking into the “sheepfold.” The sheepfold might represent the Christians home as well as the local church.



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In the Old Testament when God wanted Abraham to do something, He said "Abraham, Abraham." When God called Jacob, He said "Jacob, Jacob." In First Samuel chapter three, the Lord called, "Samuel, Samuel." When He spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus, He said, "Saul, Saul." When He spoke to Simon Peter in Luke 22, He said "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee." When Jesus hung on the cross of Calvary, He cried out, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Twenty-five times in the Book of John, Jesus said "verily, verily," because He was dealing with the eternal destiny of His listeners.

Somebody Was Sneaking Up On The Sheep

Keep in mind the Lord is talking about "sheep" and not goats. He is referring to somebody sneaking in among the Christians. Somebody was getting among the sheep using "some other way."

"A Thief And A Robber"

A thief steals for personal gain. A robber is one who plunders. He sets out to destroy the sheep.

The Major Focus - "The Sheep"

- V.2 - "The sheep."
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- V.13 - "The sheep."
- V.14 - "My sheep."
- V.15 - "My sheep."
- V.26 - "My sheep."
- V.27 - "My sheep."



"He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

SIGNS of the TIMES

Daniel 12:4,
*"Knowledge shall
be increased."*



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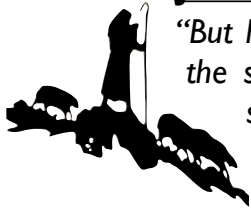


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No Guilt Trips For The Faithful Pastor

John 10:12,



“But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.”

Last Days Desertions

We are living in the last days when we are told that *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears”* (Second Timothy 4:3).

Sound Doctrine Rejected

We also read, *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith”* (First Timothy 4:1).

- Some will teach *“other doctrine”* (First Timothy 1:3).
- Some *“put away concerning faith”* (First Timothy 1:19).
- Some *“depart from the faith”* (First Timothy 4:1).
- Some *“turned aside after Satan.”* (First Timothy 5:15).
- Some *“erred concerning the faith”* (First Timothy 6:21).
- Some *“overthrow the faith of some”* (Second Timothy 2:18).
- Some *“to dishonour”* (Second Timothy 2:20).

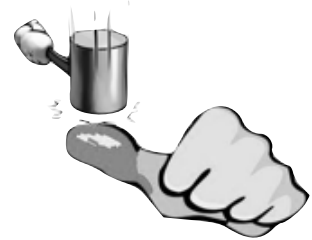
Scripture Quoting Defectors

Spiritually ignorant defectors will often quote Jeremiah 23:1 completely out of context. This Scripture reads, *“Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.”* The context of this verse has to do with the follow type of pastors.

- **Jeremiah 10:21**, *“The pastors are become brutish.”*
- **Jeremiah 10:21**, *“Have not sought the LORD.”*
- **Jeremiah 23:21**, *“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.”*
- **Jeremiah 23:21**, *“I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.”*
- **Jeremiah 27:15**, *“I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name.”*
- **Jeremiah 29:9**, *“For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.”*

These pastors of Jeremiah’s day had nothing in common with those who follow the instructions of First And Second Timothy, in our age of apostasy.

PICTURES That PREACH



Swelling Is Not Growth

Much that is considered growth in our churches today might only be swelling



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