

### Like Sheep To The Slaughter

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church  
 Isaiah 53:6-7, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." This scripture refers to the Messiah, Jesus, that would come. It tells how he would be submissive, as a lamb would be. He would go to the cross for the sins of the world and do the will of God. We are thankful for his love for us and for making a way of salvation to those who believe on him. However, I want to consider this scripture, thinking of man's journey through this life.

When I look at our world today I see so many people who are like the sheep, going through each day, concerned only with what they want and need for this physical life. Many are not bad people, just people who give little, or no, thought to a relation-

ship with God. As sheep, and other animals, are only concerned with food and water, so are many folks who think only of the here and now.

The devil keeps a lot of people occupied with the pursuit of pleasure, and wealth. They are fooled into thinking that as long as they don't do anything really bad that they are okay. Some are even tricked into thinking that they can compare themselves to those who go to church. While they may make a legitimate claim that some Christians fail at times, that only shows that Christians are human. Jesus is the example that we all are to follow. There are Christians that I respect, but Jesus is the one that I seek to walk with and to please with my life.

Those who live apart from God are missing so much out of life now and will miss even greater things in the future. They might be content now, with pleasure of the flesh, money, and the things of this world, but what happens when this life is over? Then comes the judgment. Hebrews 9: 27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. God has done so much to bless us and to make a way for us to be

with him in heaven. Why should a person miss out on eternity with God for the temporary pleasures of this world?"

When a person's eyes are blinded spiritually he is unable to see the need for a walk with God. One of the things that amazes me is the fact that so many of the folks that don't go to church will tell you that they believe in God. Some even surprise you with the amount of bible that they know. Why don't they seek to live according to God's word? I don't think that they can even give a sensible answer to that question. Like the sheep they just go on day after day doing the same thing as they have always done. I have asked some why they don't go to church and the answer was something like, "Well, I just haven't thought about it." Think about it, with each passing day we are nearer to the end of our time here on earth. Man will stand before God in judgment whether he believes it or not.

Romans 14:11-12, "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

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