

John 10:3-4

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

I don't know a lot about shepherds, but I would imagine when a shepherd leads the sheep out of the sheepfold, the reason is to feed them as they graze off the grass and lead them to water to drink. It could also be to get a little exercise for them and the sheep. Also while the sheep are outside of the sheepfold, the shepherd is there guiding and protecting them from the wolves, and even from other shepherds who may want to steal them away.

With all that in mind, we know that Jesus is our Good Shepherd

† **John 10:14** *I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.*

And as our Good Shepherd, we should know and hear His voice (not verbally but through His word) and we know that He will never lead us into danger or into something that is not good for us, and as our Good Shepherd, He wants to feed us on the goodness of His word.

Yet we do tend to stray away at times. And why? Because just as there are wolves out there who want to lead the sheep away so that they can kill and devour them, there are also false shepherds who want to draw others away from the flock so that they can devour us with their false doctrine and ways of living.

† **Matthew 7:15 (NLT2)** *Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves.*

When we read this we think that they are in the church, which they are. But what about those who are offering us things outside of the church, trying to entice us? How about TV and commercials and social media, and friends who are not believers. What's bad is these are not wolves dressed in sheep's clothing, but are rather wolves dressed as... Well, wolves.

I remember years ago when music, TV and movies had subliminal suggestions in the songs and shows, not coming right out and talking about sin, but alluding to it. Now a days, sin is downright plastered all over music and TV and movies, and the reason it is, is because the raunchier it is, the more people will listen to and want to watch it, putting big bucks into the wolves pockets.

What, no nudity or profanity in a movie, no one wants to watch it. No talking about sex and drinking and partying, no one wants to listen to it. No comedians telling jokes with every other word being profanity, no one wants to laugh them. But we should expect these things from the

world, but not the church. Yet how many in the church watch “R” rated movies on a regular basis with sex, nudity, profanity, demons, and any other sinful thing you can think of, and they have it as part of their entertainment.

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again; Are Christians allowing the things Jesus died for to be their entertainment in movies, TV and their music? As a Christian, do we think TV shows and movies showing Walking Dead, Vampires, witches, demons, is cool? I wonder if the woman in this next verse were alive today, how entertaining she would find these things that we as a Christian find entertaining, yet possessed her little girl?

† **Mark 7:25-26** *For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.*

Or what about this man, would he think that the demons that you call entertainment are cool?

† **Mark 5:2-5** *And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.*

We are praying for God to heal our land here in the USA, but I think we should start in our homes, because we as Christians have allowed the wolves in wolves clothing to seduce us and destroy our homes, and God says that.

† **Ezekiel 26:12 (NLT2)** *They will plunder all your riches and merchandise and break down your walls. They will destroy your lovely homes and dump your stones and timbers and even your dust into the sea.*

We know and love this next verse, and it seems everyone is posting it on Social Media. But when we do, we must realize that this is not talking to the non-Christians, who so many post it, thinking it is for them. No, God says “**My people who are called by My name**” We are God’s people called by His name, not the non-Christians, and the only way Christians can “**humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways**” is to get the wolves out of their homes and allow it to be a sheepfold for the Lord to watch over. Once we do, then He may start healing our land.

† **2 Chronicles 7:14** *if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*