



Preserve Shepherding in Your Household



2024 Theme and Series: John 10:9-16



Zechariah 11:4-17

- Thus says the Lord my God, Feed the flock for slaughter, whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say Blessed be the Lord, for I am rich; and there shepherds do not pity them (4-5).
- For I am no longer pity the inhabitants of the land, says the Lord, but indeed I will give everyone into his neighbors hand and into the hand of his king. They shall attack the land, and I will deliver them from their land (6)
- So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock. I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bonds, and I fed the flock (7).
- I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me (8).
- Then I said, I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left to eat each other's flesh (9).
- And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples (10).

Zechariah 4:11-17

- So it was broken on that day,. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the Lord (11).
- Then I said to them, if it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain. So they weighed out of my wages thirty pieces of silver (12).
- And the Lord said to me, Throw it to the potter—that the princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter (13).
- Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel(14).
- And the Lord said to me, Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd (15).
- For indeed I will raise up the shepherd in the land who will not care for those that are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces (16).

Zechariah 11:4-17

- Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded (17).