



Introduction:

- When you study the role of the shepherd within the Lord's church I think all would agree it carries with it great responsibility.
- The task of watching over God's flock and over the souls' of so many is no task to be taken lightly.
- But have we ever spent much time in this type of study looking at the other side of the relationship of shepherd and flock?
- Traditionally so much emphasis has been put on the responsibility of the shepherd (elder) that it's no wonder that there is such hesitation to step into such a role. But at the same time has this created a disservice to those that are in the flock in regards to their role in this relationship?

I. The People Of Israel Complain [For each passage tell what they complained about]

- A. Exodus 14:10-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Exodus 15:22-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Exodus 16:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Exodus 17:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Exodus 32:1-2; 7-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Numbers 11:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Numbers 13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

II. The People Of Israel Reject God's Leadership [What is each passage about]

- A. 1 Samuel 1:21-28 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. 1 Samuel 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. 1 Samuel 8:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_

III. Paul Warns Of A Tendency Of the Flock [What did he warn against?]

- A. Acts 20:28-30 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. 2 Timothy 2:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. 2 Timothy 3:1-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- E. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The Flocks' Side Of the Relationship [What is our part?]

- A. Hebrews 13:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Hebrews 13:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. 1 Peter 5:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion:

- "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then each of us will give an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:11-12)
- How are we doing with our side of the relationship with those who watch over us?
- As we commit to the shepherds and the men we are seeking to appoint to this service how will we work with them instead of against them?

