



The True Shepherd

John 10:1-6 (NKJV)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Introduction

The Old Testament scriptures picture the Lord as the Shepherd over His people. In the New Testament, Jesus said in verse 11, "I am the good shepherd;" this shows that Jesus is the Lord.

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

- John 10:1-6, Jesus contrasts Himself as the true shepherd with these self-centered false shepherds.

- John 10:7-10, He portrays Himself as the door of the sheepfold, who, in contrast to these false shepherds, came to give abundant life to His sheep.

- John 10:11-18, He explains how, as the good shepherd, He lays down His own life to provide life for His sheep.

A. The true shepherd's warning

v. 1 - "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Jesus rebuked and warned His followers (including the former blind man) to be discerning and not follow these false shepherds (thieves and robbers).

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

False prophets use deceptiveness to fool the sheep into thinking that they are also sheep to gain access to the flock. Their aim is not to build up and care for the flock, but to use them for their own selfish purpose.

2 Peter 2:1-3

¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

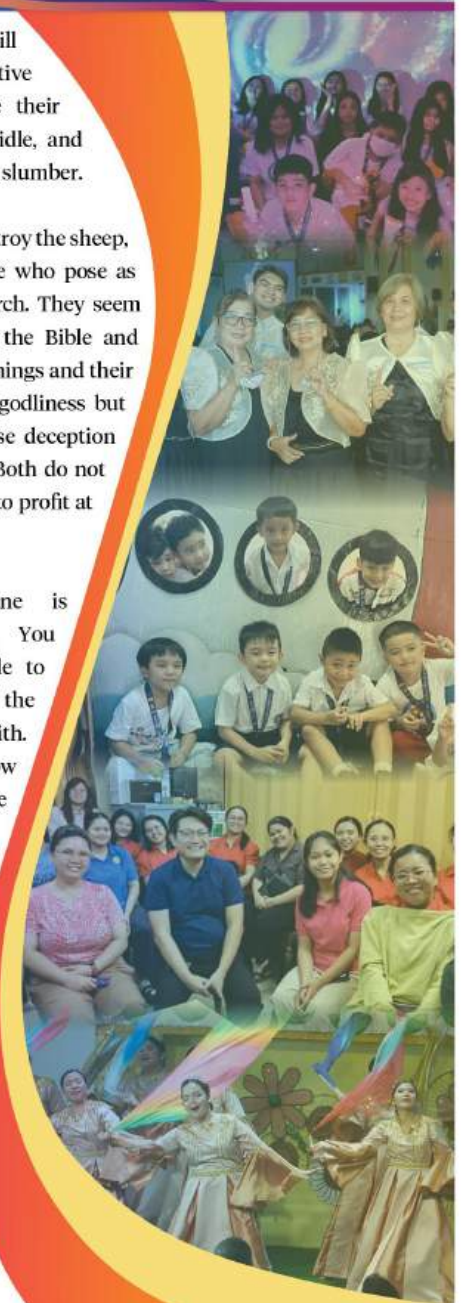
Satan always seeks to destroy the sheep, and he often uses people who pose as true believers in the church. They seem to be knowledgeable in the Bible and interpret it, but their teachings and their practices do not lead to godliness but to greediness. Thieves use deception while robbers use force. Both do not love you; they only want to profit at your expense.

Having sound doctrine is essential, not optional. You must know and be able to defend from Scripture the core doctrines of the faith. And you need to know how to distinguish the core doctrines, where compromise is fatal, from secondary doctrines that are not as essential for spiritual health.

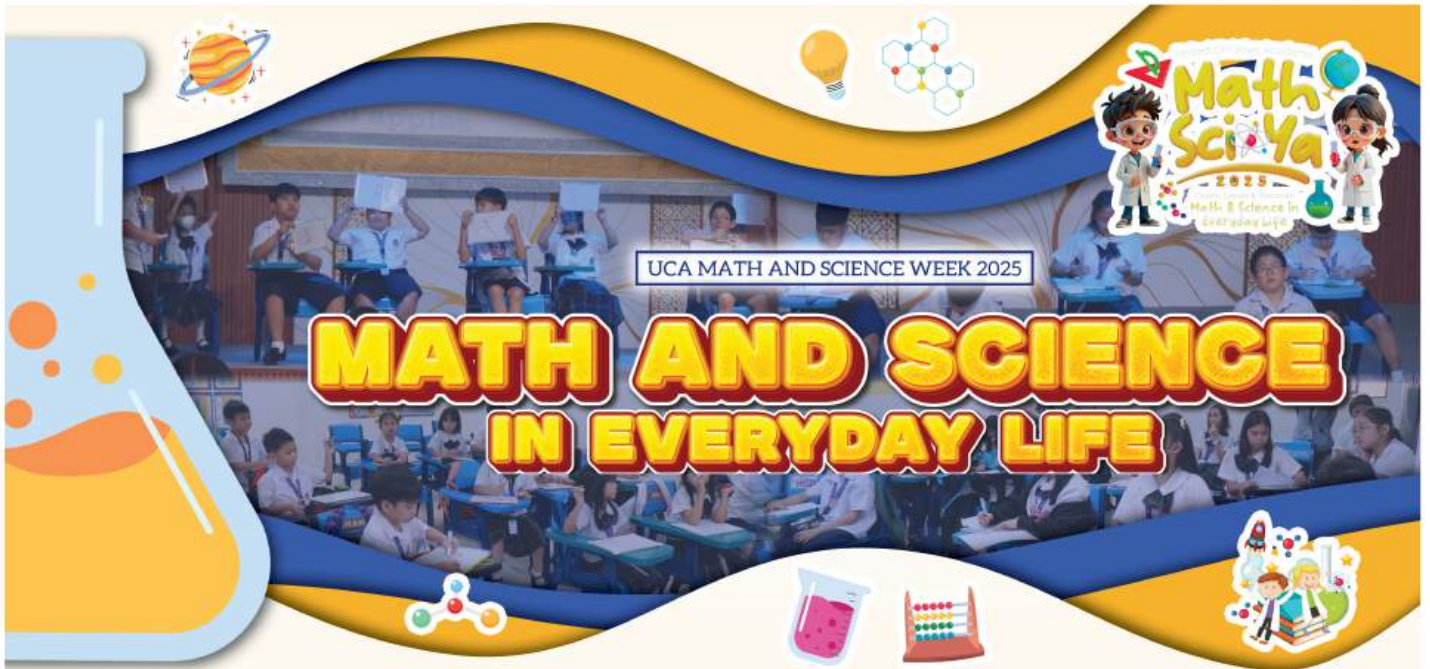
B. The true shepherd enters by the door.

v. 2 - But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

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Administrative Pastor



Math and science has always been a part of our daily lives. Through fun-filled and exciting activities, the students ponder about various ways on how math and science principles are applied and how they are evident in our day-to-day life.

Last September 29 to October 3, United Christian Academy (UCA) conducted its week-long celebration of the Math and Science Week jam-packed with challenging quiz bees,

engaging experiments, and interactive exhibits that provided a fun and educational experience for both the students and the parents. As they journey from one exhibit to another, they learn to appreciate the beauty of God's creation and understand the math and science principles that lie within them.

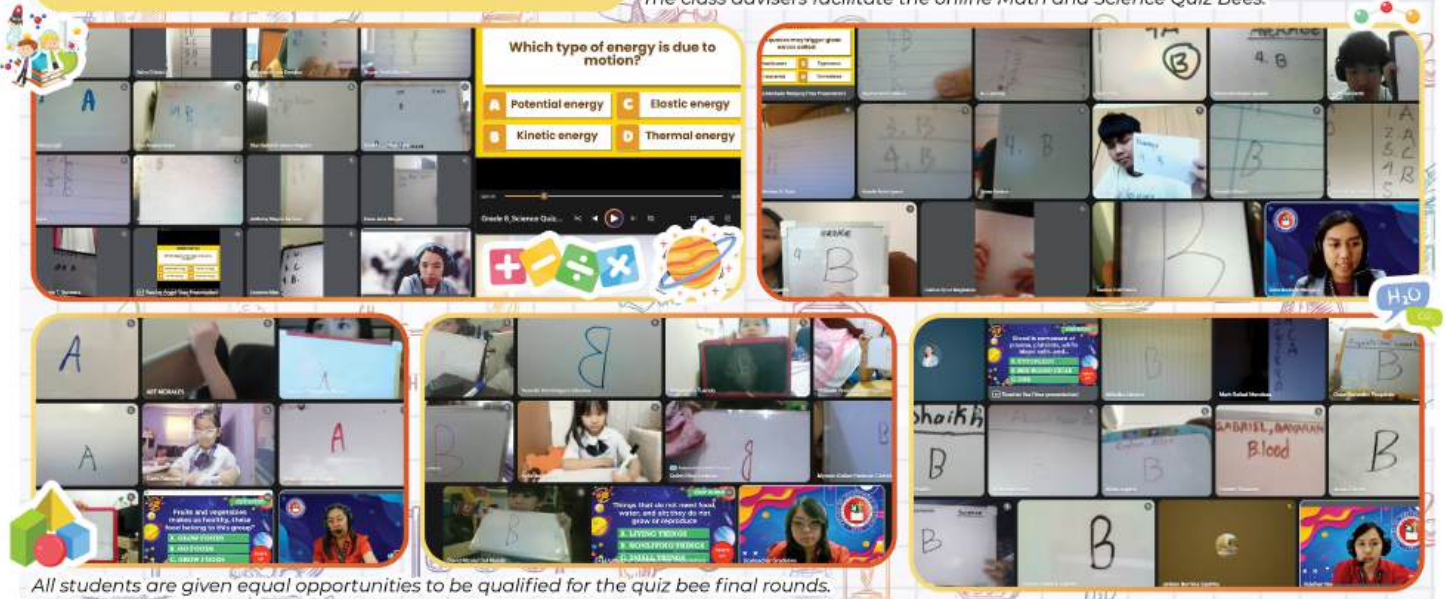
Truly, UCA gives the students and parents experiences that they will surely cherish and look forward to even in the coming years.

QUIZ BEE ONLINE

One of the highlights of this celebration is the Math and Science Quiz Bees. Different sets of questions per category were prepared for the students to answer throughout the competition that tested their knowledge about each subject matter.



The class advisers facilitate the online Math and Science Quiz Bees.



All students are given equal opportunities to be qualified for the quiz bee final rounds.

John 14:1-3
(NKJV)

¹Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

QUIZ BEE

FACE-TO-FACE

Mind-boggling and stimulating questions about math and science tested the minds and wits of the UCA students. It is a friendly yet challenging competition that unleashed the inner scientist and math enthusiast within them.



The quiz bee qualifying rounds are conducted inside the classrooms. The Top 10 students who get the highest scores advance to the final round.



QUALIFYING ROUND



Math and science are difficult yet fascinating subjects that deepen one's curiosity and interest in learning the beauty of God's creation.



FINAL ROUND



At the UCA Auditorium, the students confidently raise their whiteboards as they answer each question given to them.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2
(NKJV)

WORKSHOP

FACE-TO-FACE

Pre-school pupils to Grade 6 students gathered at the assigned facilities to do their kinetic sand and hand sanitizer making activities. They were excited to learn and experience new things together with their classmates.



The Grades 4 to 6 students pose radiant smiles as they create new memories with their classmates and teachers.



The parents and guardians show their utmost support to their children in doing the experiments.

DIY KINETIC SAND



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WORKSHOP

ONLINE

Wearing their lab coats and safety equipment, the online students join in the fun of celebrating the math and science in their everyday lives. With precise measurements, they create their own kinetic sand and hand sanitizers at home.



INETIC SAND



The Math and Science Week celebration is both a fun and educational experience for both face-to-face and online students.

John 14:27
(NKJV)

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

EXHIBIT

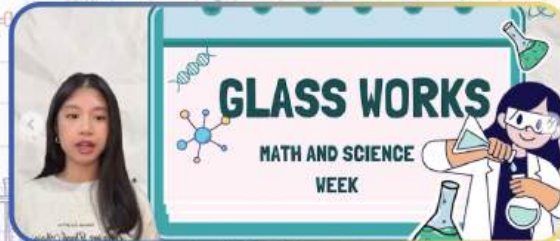
Using their creativity and discovery skills, the students from elementary, high school and college showcased their innovativeness, invention, and various experiments related to Math and Science.



All the high school gathered at the auditorium to display the interactive booths they created. While the elementary students freely explore them.



Students were able to visit the planetarium made by the UCACOA. All of them got to try and experience different exhibits with joy.



The distant learners also made an effort by showing their scientific discoveries and experiments using different materials.

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for [a] you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NKJV)

AWARDING

As the students pour their efforts, knowledge, and skills for Math and Science, they received badges for doing great in this week-long celebration.



At the end of the event, students go on stage to receive an award for their outstanding performance.



Students proudly and joyfully smile alongside their guardians as they receive their awards. These awards are proof of their hardwork.



These badges were given to them as appreciation for their performance and the effort they showed throughout the week.



Even in small things, UCA gives everyone the opportunity to have a meaningful time learning and enjoying through programs like this.

Romans 8:9 (NKJV)

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.



MT. TABOR CHURCH 16TH ANNIVERSARY

Katapatan ng Diyos sa panambahan ng UCF.

Isang mapagpalang araw ang ginunita ng bawat nagsipagdalo sa ika-animnapung anibersaryo ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church noong Setyembre 28, Linggo.

Ang mga manggagawa ng panambahan ay masayang sinalubong ang mga bisitang nakiisa sa selebrasyon. Napuno ng pasasalamat at pagsamba ang panambahan sa Panginoon para sa Kaniyang katapatan, walang hanggang pagmamahal at habag sa Kaniyang mga anak. Ang pagdiriwang ay pagpapatunay

ng kabutihan ng Diyos sa panambahang Kaniyang tinawag upang mangaral ng Salita ng Diyos sa mga nawawalang tupa at gawin silang disipulo ng Panginoon. Kaya naman puno ng kasiyahang umawit at umindak sa kanilang mga hinandang presentasyon ang kapatirang nakaranas din ng kabutihan ng Diyos sa kanilang mga buhay.

Higit sa lahat, ang naging pagdiriwang ay isang oportunidad na maibahagi si Hesus at ang kanilang mga karanasan sa Diyos na nagbago ng kanilang buhay.



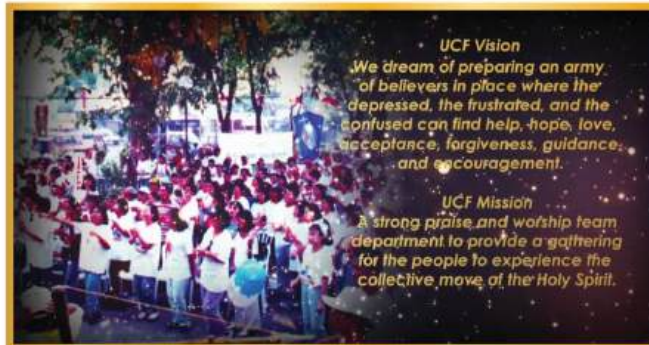
Ibinahagi ng UCF *host* ang naging kabutihan ng Panginoon sa panambahan ng Mt. Tabor sa loob ng animnapung taon. Masigasig nilang ipinakilala sa mga bisita ang mga ipinalabas na AVP at mga presentasyon.



Inumpisaan ang pagdiriwang sa isang panalangin ng pasasalamat at pagsamba na pinangunahan ng ating butiing pastor. Ito rin ay pagbibigay parangal sa Panginoon na Siyang dahilan ng pagdiriwang.



Bilang pagbabalik-tanaw sa mga kagila-gilalas na pagkilos ng Diyos sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak at maipakilala ang tawag ng Diyos sa UCF, ipinalabas ang iba't ibang audio visual presentation.



UCF Vision
We dream of preparing an army of believers in place where the depressed, the frustrated, and the confused can find help, hope, love, acceptance, forgiveness, guidance, and encouragement.

UCF Mission
A strong praise and worship team department to provide a gathering for the people to experience the collective move of the Holy Spirit.



"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the Son.

1 John 5:11-12 (NKJV)

Praise & Worship

Sinalubong ng mga papuri't pasasalamat ng buong panambahan ang Panginoon upang dakilain at luwalhatiin ang Kaniyang Ngalan. At ang presensiya ng Panginoon ay bumalot sa buong lugar.



Pinangunahan ng Worship Team nang buong puso at sigla ang pag-awit at pagsayaw na alay sa Panginoong Hesus.



Puno ng kagalakan ang puso ng mga anak ng Diyos nang kanilang maranasan ang Kaniyang presensiya habang nagpupuri sa Kaniyang Ngalan.



Layunin ng anibersaryo na maakay rin ang mga nawawalang tupa kaya naman mula sa mga awitin, ang Salita ng Diyos ay masasambit. .

John 14:6
(NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Presentasyon

Upang bigyan ng karangalan ang Panginoon, naghanda ng mga espesyal na presentasyon ang mga miyembro ng panambahan tulad ng mga awitin, sayawan at skit na kinagiliwan ng lahat. Ito rin ang pagkakataon na ang kanilang mga talento galing sa Panginoon ay maipamalas.



Ang mga miyembro ng UCF mula bata hanggang matanda ay nakiisa sa paghandog ng talento sa Panginoon.



Ang kanilang talento sa pag-arte ay natunghayan din nang gamitin nila ito upang magpahayag ng mensahe ng Diyos mula sa Kaniyang Salita.



Naggagandahang mga costume din ang kanilang suot bilang isang pamilyang nagpupuri sa ating Panginoong Hesus.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45
(NKJV)

Offertory & Birthday Song

Sama-samang nag-alay ng papuri at awitin ang panambahan bilang pasasalamat sa katapatan ng Diyos. Ang mga handog na ito ay simbolo ng siksik, liglig at nag-uumapaw na biyaya mula sa Kaniya.



Nagbigay din ng espesyal na mensahe ang punong pastor sa lahat ng dumalo sa selebrasyon ng labing-anim na katapatan ng Diyos sa UCF Mt. Tabor.



Photobooth

Bago pa man magsimula ang selebrasyon ay napuno na ng masasayang larawan ang photobooth area.



Ang bawat buhay na ito ay patotoo na buhay ang Diyos at Siya ay kumikilos simula noon hanggang ngayon upang maidako sila sa Kaniyang paanan.



Larawan ang mga ito ng probisyon ng Diyos, higit lalo ng Kaniyang dakilang pag-ibig na naranasan ng bawat pamilya at indibidwal sa panambahan.

Philippians 4:6
(NKJV)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Salu-salo

Ang lahat ay masayang nagsalu-salo sa masasarap na pagkain habang sinasariwa ang mga nangyari sa selebrasyon. Oportunidad din ito upang ang mga naimbitahan ay mas lalo pang makilala at mabahaginan ng pagmamahal at kabutihan ng Diyos.



Ang lugar ay napuno ng daang-daang mga tao na malugod na nakiisa sa pagdiriwang ng anibersaryo ng panambahang itinatag na Diyos.



Binigyang panahon din ng pamilya ng UCF ang pakikipag-usap sa mga bisita. Naging mainit din ang pagtanggap sa kanila ng kapatiran.



Masaya ang kapatiran na gunitain ang kadakilaan at kabutihan ng Diyos sa UCF Mt. Tabor Church kasama ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:10 (NKJV)

Group Photos

Sa pagdiriwang ng espesyal na araw na ito ay buong galak na nagpakuha ng litrato ang kapatiran bilang ala-ala ng gawain. Ang bawat isa ay nagagalak na makiisa sa paggunita sa katapatan ng Diyos sa nakalipas na 16 taon.



Maging sa pormal na kasuotan ay mababatid na labis na naghanda ang mga miyembro ng bawat komite.



Ang puso ng bawat isa ay nagagalak sa oportunidad na ibinigay ng Diyos upang ang Kaniyang mga anak ay magamit sa Kaniyang kaluwhatian.



Labis ang pasasalamat ng UCF sa Diyos para sa pribilehiyo na maglingkod sa Kaniya.



Bakas sa mukha ng lahat ang saya na makasama ang kapatiran at bigyang papuri ang Diyos para sa Kaniyang pagkilos sa panambahan ng UCF.

Matthew 28:18-19 (NKJV) 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



UCFTS ORIENTATION

Equipping Christ's body for His glory



Rev. Dr. Sy discussed various information about how the ucfts online will run. Signifying how the four-year course will give them a great benefit to be trained according in biblical standard.



In accordance with the UCF mission, the UCF Theological Seminary (UCFTS) will resume its classes for A.Y. 2025-2026. The orientation began last Wednesday, October 1 for, A.Y. 2025-2026, spearheaded by UCFTS Administrator Rev. Dr. James Sy.

Memorizing the content of the Bible is not the essence of UCFTS, rather, its purpose is to train church members and workers to be equipped and prepared for God's ministry—to win souls. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to to honed effective servants of the Lord, guided by His Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Do not miss a chance to be useful in His vineyard.

ENROLLMENT IS STILL ONGOING

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CHURCH SERVICE DEDICATION

KAGALAKAN SA BUHAY NA HANDOG SA DIYOS

Isang kagalakan sa pamilya ng Diyos na isang munting sanggol ang inialay sa Kaniya nitong Sabado, Oktubre 4.

Ang mga magulang na sina Sis. Angelica at Bro. Mark Oafallas, kasama ang mga kamag-anak, ninong, ninang, at ang kapatiran ay malugod na inihandog sa Diyos ang kanilang anak na si Joshua Timothy Oafallas, kasabay ng ika-unang kaarawan niya. Ito ay pinasinayaan ni Rev. Dr. James Sy. Ang bawat isa ay ipinanalangin si Joshua Timothy at idineklara ang pagpapala ng Diyos sa kaniyang buhay, kaakibat ang pagmamahal at ang pagtitiwala na ang plano ng Diyos ang siyang mangyari sa kaniya.

Purihin ang Diyos sa pagpapalang buhay para sa minamahal na anak ng pamilyang Oafallas!



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Colossians 3:23-24 (NKJV)

The True...

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In the early time, every village had a common walled-in fold for sheep and when evening comes, the shepherd would bring all their sheep in. They usually have one door or entrance to the fold, which often was just an opening (there was no physical door or gate). The doorkeeper would guard the door by lying across it, making sure that wild animals or robbers would not enter to harm or steal the sheep. In the morning, the shepherd would return, the doorkeeper would open to them, and they would call their sheep out to lead them to pasture during the day.

The door is the Messianic office as described and prophesied in the Old Testament, which sets forth the credentials of the coming Messiah. He would be born of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), a descendant of David (Isa. 9:7; Jer. 33:17). He would be born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2) to a virgin (Isa. 7:14). He would give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and cause the lame to walk (Isa. 35:5-6). He would be the prophet greater than Moses (Deut. 18:15). He would be a light to shine on all who are in darkness (Isa. 9:2; 42:6; 49:6). He would provide the water of God's Spirit to thirsty souls (Isa. 44:3). John has shown us how Jesus fulfilled many of these and other Old Testament prophecies.

For someone to enter by the door, he needs to fulfill all the prophecies which is close to impossible (except for Jesus).

C. The true shepherd is recognized by the doorkeeper.

v. 3a - To him the doorkeeper opens,

John 1:23

He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said."

In light of John's Gospel, I think it is reasonable to view the doorkeeper as John the Baptist. He opened the door for Jesus to enter the fold of Judaism as their true shepherd. He was the predicted messenger, who cried out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1:23; Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1). John pointed to Jesus and said (1:29), "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He opened the door for Jesus to enter the fold of Israel.

D. The true shepherd voice is recognized by the sheep.

v. 3b - and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Even when sheep are mixed with goats, the sheep can recognize the voice of their shepherd and would come when they are called.

E. The true shepherd leads the sheep as they follow.

v. 4 - And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

Jesus does not drive His sheep from behind. He leads them by going

ahead of them. He makes sure that the way is safe from predators. He takes them where He knows there are rich pastures for them to feed on. He never takes them where He has not gone Himself, including the valley of the shadow of death. He has been tempted in all the ways we are tempted, yet He was without sin (Heb. 4:15).

F. The true sheep will not follow a stranger.

v. 5 - Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.

True sheep hear and know His voice.

Matthew 24:23-24

²³"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show

great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Conclusion

John 10:25-28

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

The religious leaders knew a lot more than the common folks, but they did not know the true shepherd. But the healed blind man now knew Jesus as his shepherd. Do you? Jesus prayed (John 17:3): "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

SERMON NOTES

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- HOUSE OF PRAYER
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- HOME BIBLE CHURCH & STUDY
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