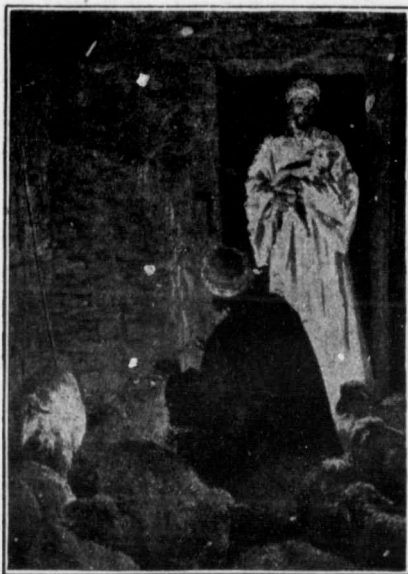


Lesson III.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

April 15, 1917

John 10 : 7-18. Study John 10 : 1-18. *Scripture Memory Verses, Gen. 21 : 14, 15.

Golden Text—I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep.—John 10 : 11 (Rev. Ver.).

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7 Then said Je'sus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers : but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy : I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth : and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father : and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice ; and there shall be

one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There were many sheep in Palestine, where Jesus lived. He often watched the shepherds leading their sheep to the nice green pasture fields. Jesus told a story about a good shepherd. This good shepherd had led his sheep into the sheepfold. This was a yard with a high stone wall around it. When he saw the sheep lying snug and warm, he locked the door and went away to his home to sleep.

The sheep lay sleeping, the little lambs cuddled close to their mothers' woolly sides to keep warm. Suddenly they heard a noise! Up they started in fear, crying "Baa ! Baa !" There is a robber climbing over the wall! He calls the sheep, but they do not know his

voice. Then he picks them up roughly and drops them over the wall. When he has got them all outside the fold, he tries to drive them to some hiding place, but the sheep do not like his rough voice. They cry "Baa ! Baa !" and try to get back to their fold.

Hark ! that is the howl of a wolf ! There he comes out of the woods. The thief is afraid the wolf will kill him. He does not think anything about the poor sheep, but turns and runs away as fast as he can, and leaves the poor, frightened sheep and the little bleating lambs alone in the dark and danger.

Just then they hear a voice they know and

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