

To Be His Sheep

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me -
John 10:27

I. My Sheep Hear My Voice...

- A. They heard His voice!: Abraham – Gen. 12, 15, 18; Paul – Acts 22:6-9 & 14; Philip – Angel of the Lord (Enoch instructed by angels) See AA 109.1 & 109.2
- B. We can – “Thine ears shall hear a word...” Is. 30:21

“...We are not to place the responsibility of our duty upon others, and wait for them to tell us what to do. We cannot depend for counsel upon humanity. The Lord will teach us our duty just as willingly as He will teach somebody else. If we come to Him in faith, He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Our hearts will often burn within us as One draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue.” DA 668.4

We must! MH 58

Proverbs 3-4 – What it means to “Hear” His Word

- B. Important Point – There is a voice to be heard! – Heb. 4:7 Lk. 15:3 – the one lost sheep (Luke 19:10)

II. I Know Them... (Not: “They know me”?)

- A. “I never knew you...” – Matt. 7:23/Matt. 25
- B. Acceptance conditional – Genesis 4
- C. “Now I know...” – Genesis 22:12

III. They Follow Me

- A. “Follow Me” – The WORD – 1 Pet. 2:19-21; Matt. 16:24-25
- B. How do we take up our cross? Learn from Christ.

1. Story of the Crucifixion: Matthew 26-27

Amid the convulsions of nature are heard by the amazed spectators the dying words of the Man of Calvary. Nature sympathized with the suffering of its Author. The heaving earth, the rent rocks, proclaimed that it was the Son of God who died. There was a mighty earthquake. The veil of the temple was rent in twain. Terror seized the executioners and spectators as they beheld the sun veiled in darkness, and felt the earth shake beneath them, and saw and heard the rending of the rocks. The mocking and jeering of the chief priests and elders were hushed as Christ commended His spirit into the hands of His Father. The astonished throng began to withdraw and grope their way in the darkness to the city. They smote upon their breasts as they went and in terror, speaking scarcely above a whisper, said among themselves: “It is an innocent person that has been murdered. What if, indeed, He is, as He

asserted, the Son of God?" 2T 210-211

Iniquity of us all – Isaiah 53:6

Propitiation for our sins... - 1 John 2:2

He hath made him to be sin for us... - 2 Corinthians 5:21

We love him because he first loved us – 1 John 4:19

Conclusion: Invitation of Christ to enter into an experience of crucifixion: Matt. 16:24-25; 1 Pet. 2:19-21; Galatians 2:20

- A. Necessity of death to self – 1 Cor. 15:36; John 12:24
- B. How is self crucified? Philippians 2:5-8
- C. Back to Abraham – Gen. 22 / John 8:56 / Hebrews 12:2