

# Removing Bad Shepherds



# Bad Shepherds

- What Makes a Shepherd Bad?
- What should be Our Response?
- What is God's Response, or why are so many of them dropping like flies?

# What Makes a Shepherd Bad?

- Platform minded
- Political Idolatry – dominionism
- False doctrine
- Predatory Pastors
  - Financial malfeasance
  - Sexual immorality and predation
  - Cultic – behavior “Touch not my anointed.”

# What “Touch Not My Anointed” Really Means?

Psa 105:13–15 When they went from one nation to another, from a kingdom to another people, (14) He allowed no man to do them wrong; yea, **He reproveth kings for their sakes,** (15) saying, Touch not my anointed, and do My prophets no harm.

# What Should be Our Response?



- We Should be Like the Bereans
- Faithful Pastors should teach Sound doctrine, guarding the flock
- Endure to the End

# The Berean Response?

Act 17:10–12 And the brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. They, when they arrived, went into the synagogue of the Jews. (11) And these were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily to see if those things were so. (12) Therefore many of them believed, and quite a few of honorable Greek women and men.

# Testing Apostles?

Rev 2:1-2 To the angel of the church of Ephesus write: He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things. (2) I know your works and your labor and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil. And you tried those pretending to be apostles, and are not, and have found them liars.

# Guarding the Flock

Act 20:28–30 Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God which He has purchased with His own blood. (29) For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (30) Also men shall arise from your own selves, speaking perverse things in order to draw disciples away after them.



# What is God's Response?

Why are so many of them dropping like flies?

- Ravi Zacharias (sexual predation)
- John–Paul Miller (murder of Micah Miller?)
- Robert Morris (sex misconduct with a minor)
- Hillsong Scandals (sex misconduct and predation)
- Matt Chandler (sex misconduct)
- Steve Lawson (sex misconduct)

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:1–10 And the Word of Jehovah came to me, saying, (2) Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, So says the Lord Jehovah to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? (3) You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you kill the fat ones, but you do not feed the flock...

# What is God's Response?

...(4) You have not made the weak strong, nor have you healed the sick, nor have you bound up the broken. You have not brought again those driven away, nor have you sought that which was lost; but you have ruled them with force and with cruelty. (5) And they were scattered for lack of a shepherd. And they became food to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered...

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:1-10 ...(6) My sheep wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill. Yea, My flock was scattered on all the face of the earth, and none searched nor sought for them. (7) Therefore, shepherds, hear the Word of Jehovah:...

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:1-10 ...(8) As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock,...

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:1-10 ...(9) therefore, O shepherds, hear the Word of Jehovah. (10) So says the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, and they will not be food to devour.

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:11-31 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. (12) As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day..."

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:11–31 '...(13) And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. (14) I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel...



# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:11–31 ', and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. (24) And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken...

# What is God's Response?

Eze 34:11–31 '...(30) Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people," says the Lord GOD.' " (31) **"You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God,"** says the Lord GOD.

# What is God's Response?

Joh 10:11-16 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (12) But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. (13) **The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep...**

# What is God's Response?

Joh 10:11-16 "...(14) **I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.** (15) As the Father knows Me, even so I know 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 will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.** (Also Jude 1, 2 Peter 2 and others)