

Called By the Lord to Bless Wednesday Evening Service 9-20-17

1. **(Exodus 3:10 S1)** God called Moses to lead, shepherd Israel

a. **(Numbers 12:3)** meek – humble, teachable; faithful; man of prayer; people rebelling

Deuteronomy 31:20 When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.

Joshua (Numbers 27:18-23) anointed, called by God to take Moses' place

Judges 2:7 So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel. **v10** When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

v11 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD , and served the Baals;

b. 60x in the Old Testament 'the children of Israel did evil'

Judges 3:7 So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD . They forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs. **v8**...He sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia... **v9** When the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the **LORD raised up a deliverer** for the children of Israel, who delivered them: Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. **v11** So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died. **v12** And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD.....

Judges 3:12 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, and because they did this evil the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. **v15** But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, **the LORD raised up a deliverer** for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, **v30** So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

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Judges 5:31 So the land had rest for forty years. **Judges 6:1** Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years,

Judges 10:3 After him arose Jair, a Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years.

v5 And Jair died and was buried in Camon. **v6** Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD , and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of....

2. **(I Corinthians 10:11 S2)** OT Israel is a type of the church; what not to do

3. **I Peter 5:1-4 v1** 'elders' one who is mature in the Word – Peter a fellow elder (Pastor)

4. **v2** ‘shepherd’ same word for pastor, feed; they are to be taught the Word of God
 - a. a pastor’s primary responsibility – teach the Word; Paul & Peter taught the Word
 - b. **Acts 6:2-4** many important things to do in a LC – Pastor’s role is to study & pray
 - c. **(James 3:1 S3)** ministering the Word very serious in the eyes of God
 - d. **Ephesians 4:11-12** the five fold ministry offices are ‘for the equipping of the saints’ and edifying (building up) the body of Christ to fully prepare Christians to do the work of the ministry (**v8** the five fold are ‘gifts’ given to the church by the Lord Jesus)
 - e. **John 21:15-17** a Pastor fulfills his ministry by love for the Lord – if he loves Jesus he will feed the LC (your love for Jesus is what motivates you to fulfill your ministry)
 - **Peter now tells the ministers to do what Jesus told him to do**
 - f. Jesus is the Good Shepherd **(John 10:11 S4)** (Shepherd & Pastor, feed - same word)
 - g. ‘flock of God’ congregation belong to Jesus, not the Pastor; **Sheep in the Bible usually belong to another; Moses had Jethro’s sheep; David had his father Jesse’s sheep**
 - h. **(Acts 20:17, 28 S5)** Paul tells the pastors to feed the ‘flock’ ‘the church of God’ not the Pastor; elders of Ephesus; ‘purchased with His own blood’ the One who purchases owns
 - That is freedom for the pastor – people do not belong to me; All of us ultimately answer to Jesus; My job is to teach – I am not obligated to make you live it – your job
 - i. ‘overseers’ superintendent, bishop – **(Ephesians 4:11)** Jesus calls, gives the ability
 - j. (Rev 2 & 3) Pastors are accountable to Jesus – if responsible they should have authority
 - k. ‘compulsion’ unwilling – it is not an obligation to Pastor, it is an honor – do it willingly
 - l. ‘not for dishonest gain’ not out of greed, or with a wrong attitude towards money
5. **v3** ‘lords’ to exercise dominion over – a pastor is never to be a dictator; **(I Thessalonians 5:12 S6)** Pastor ‘over you’ in spiritual things, not natural
 - a. the Pastor is to pray for the people **(Acts 6:4)**
 - b. **(2 Corinthians 11:28 S7)** the care for the churches
6. the Pastor is to be an example ‘being examples to the flock’ **(I Timothy 3:1-7)**

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 - a. **(Acts 20:28 S5)** ‘take heed to yourself’ family, character, lifestyle; People judge Jesus by us **(I Corinthians 11:1 S8)** does my lifestyle make them desire to be like me
7. **v4** Jesus will reward the Pastor – then the Pastor must be accountable to Him