

Feed the Flock of God

Scripture reading: John 21:17

God has a special message for our souls today. He says that we have a responsibility. This responsibility is to feed the flock of God. It is not the situation that you may do it if you want to, or you may not do it if you don't want to. This is a command of God. He said, "If you love Me, if you have that *"agape"* love (Greek word for God's love) for God, if you even have that *"phileo"* love that you love your own family with, then you are going to be diligent about feeding the flock of God.

Many of us live beside a neighbor and we don't even know the neighbor. I am guilty of that a lot of times. You pass by and say, "Howdy do," and nothing else. That neighbor could die and go to hell and you never stretched a finger, because you were minding your own business. We are going to have to get out of that and begin to suffer. You knock at the neighbor's door and he slams the door in your face; you begin to suffer to get to him. Do you back off? No, you find another way of getting to him, because this is your job, this is your duty. This is the command of God. It is no longer you may do it or you may not do it.

Jesus said in John 21:16, *"Simon (Peter), son of Jonas, lovest thou me?"*

Ask your own heart, "Do I *'agape'* my brother, my sister? Do I *'agape'* the world?" That is a rough situation to *'agape'* the world, because they don't want it. They are kicking it back to you. But I remember in the days when we were out there in sin. If you found a young lady that you wanted to talk to, you found a way to talk to her. I knew one man who was working for the devil and he wanted to get to a certain girl. He pitched off a step right before her, dropped down the bottom row and tore his jacket - to get her attention. He got it. Oh, yes. I smile when I think of some of the tricks that you played in the past. You did what you wanted to do.

Now God is saying, "Now in Christ Jesus are you less diligent about doing the things that God wants you to do?"

When I first got saved, being kind of crazy, I rushed down the street and this time it was no playing, no going around. I would go right up to an individual and say, "You are going to hell." Hallelujah. You know what I mean. Before the person could catch their composure, you begin to talk fast because you want that soul. Oh, yes. I would look at a soul out there and say, "Jesus Christ I want that one for you!" I would go inside and pray to God and God would bring the person flying in. Oh, yes!

You have to have something inside of you saying, "Lord Jesus, if you can just use me to save that one, let me have him/her." You have to have a care for them. You know, this is your department, this is your world. Amen.

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Thought for today: If you love God, you are going to lay down your life to get the sheep and the lambs fed.