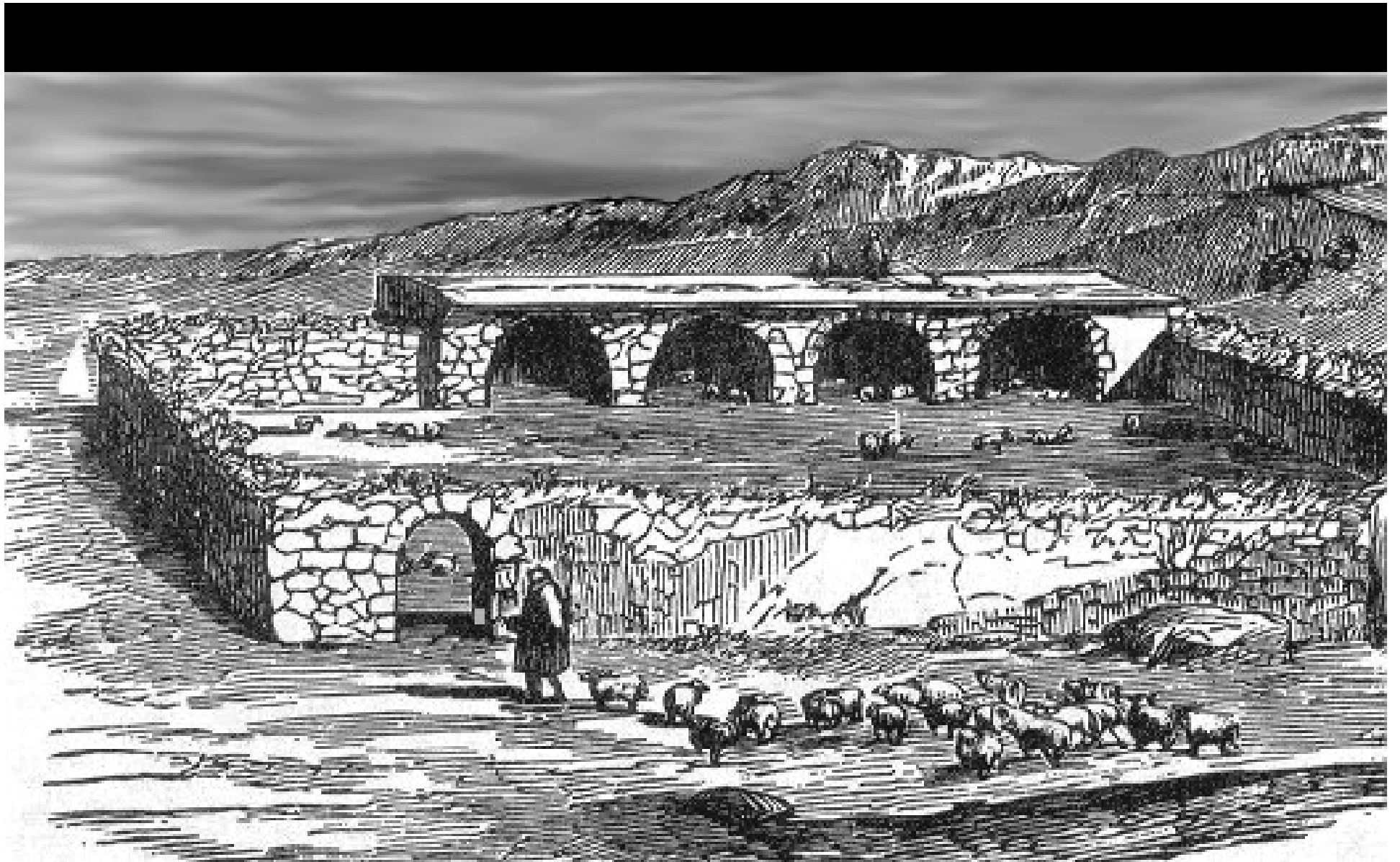


# Listening to the Shepherd's Voice

**John 10:1-21**





Shepherd with his sheep

# How Do We Learn To Hear Our Shepherd's Voice?

➤ the Bible, God's Word

➤ the Holy Spirit

1 Thess.5:19 Do not **QUENCH** the Spirit. (ESV)

Ephes. 4:29-30 And do not **GRIEVE** the Holy Spirit of God... (NIV)

# **How Do We Learn To Hear Our Shepherd's Voice?**

- **Godly and Wise Christians**
- **through Good Music**

Ezekiel 34:2- (NLT)

"Son of man, prophesy against the **shepherds**,  
**the leaders of Israel**. Give them this  
message from the Sovereign Lord: Destruction is  
certain for you **shepherds** who feed yourselves  
instead of your flocks. Shouldn't **shepherds**  
feed their sheep?

## Ezekiel 34:3-4 (NLT)

You drink the milk, wear the wool, and butcher the best animals, but you let your flocks starve.

[4] You have **not** taken care of the weak. You have **not** tended the sick or bound up the broken bones. You have **not** gone looking for those who have wandered away and are lost. Instead, you have ruled them with force and cruelty.

## 2 Corinthians 12:7-8 (NIV)

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a **thorn in my flesh**,  
a messenger of Satan,  
to torment me.

[8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

## 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NIV)

[9] But **he said** to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **MY POWER** is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. [10] That is why, for Christ's sake, **I DELIGHT** in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.

**For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

## **Hired Hands...**

- do not **OWN** the sheep
- **ABANDON** the sheep when attacked
- do not **CARE** about the sheep

# **The Good Shepherd**

- **knows His Sheep**
- **gives His Life for the sheep**
- **has One Flock**
- **lays down His Life** (not taken from Him)

# **Thieves and Robbers**

- **break into the fold**
- **scare the sheep**
- **are those who came before Jesus**
- **come to steal, kill, and destroy**