

The Message


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Ezekiel 34:1



Prophecy Against the Shepherds



¹ The word of the Lord came to me:
² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?”

Food for Beasts

⁵ So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts.



God Requires an Account

¹⁰ Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep.



Muddied Waters

19 And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?



There are Two Obstacles: Dualism & Fear

1. The notion of dualism
(separation of secular
and sacred)
2. Fear



Dogs That Can't Bark

His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark... But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all (Isaiah 56:9-11).



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