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Jeremiah 50:6, “*My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.*”

Isaiah 50:6, “*I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.*”

The two verses above are in adjacent books in the Old Testament. Both are chapter 50 verse 6 of each book. The verse in Jeremiah shows how the LORD’s people have become lost and gone astray. The verse in Isaiah shows the hope we have in Jesus to be back in a saved state with the LORD.

Jeremiah is speaking the LORD’s words in the above verse. His people have been lost sheep. A sheep is often lost from the flock and doesn’t even realize it’s lost. It can be happily grazing and the rest of the flock moves away until soon it’s alone and lost.

Normally you would expect the shepherd to protect the sheep and keep them safe. In this verse, it’s the shepherd who is causing them to go astray. The one they trust most is actually leading them to destruction.

They have gone from mountain to hill and have forgotten their restingplace. The mountains and hills would be steep and treacherous. There would be no good place to rest. The shepherd had led them away from rest.

The shepherds in this verse were the false teachers. They were telling them things to do that were not what the LORD commanded. Earlier in Jeremiah we are told the prophets were promising peace when there was no peace. Jeremiah 6:13-14, “<sup>13</sup>*For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.* <sup>14</sup>*They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*”

People are listening to teachers and preachers today who are not following the Bible. They are teaching things different than what the LORD has told us. They are leading the people away from their resting place, and ultimately from the final resting place of Heaven.

How can we come back to the LORD? What makes it even possible? The second verse above prophesizes of Jesus. He is the one who makes it possible by His death upon the cross.

In humbling Himself to be offered upon the cross, we see in Isaiah 50:6 what He did. This verse talks of the events during his mock trial before He was crucified.

He gave His back to the smiters. They scourged Jesus, which was a terrible beating on the back. The Old Testament word for “scourge”

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton. Brad Terry** is unable to undergo a bone marrow transplant for now. Doctors have discovered another spot. Remember **Shirley Parson** in prayer regarding some tests.

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is sometimes translated whip. This is the type of beating Jesus took for us—the lost sheep out on the mountains.

He also gave His cheeks to those who plucked off the hair. This is the only reference in the Bible to Jesus having hair on His face. During this mockery of Jesus before His crucifixion, they actually pulled hair off His face. This was not only painful, but was probably a sign of contempt as it was an embarrassment to have part of a beard. The men of David had half their beards shaved off and David told them to remain at Jericho until their beards were grown. Isaiah 50:6 says Jesus hid not His face from shame. There were many things that would bring shame during this, and perhaps a partial and scraggly beard was one of them.

It was a shameful thing to have someone spit in your face. In Numbers 12:14 we are told regarding Miriam, *“And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days?”* Jesus hid not His face from spitting.

Jesus endured much pain and shame for us. He did it so He could bring us back into the flock. He did it for us because He is The Good Shepherd. John 10:11, *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Classes	16	II Timothy 1:11-13
Preaching	20	Matthew 15:1-20
Contribution	\$795.00	
Evening	15	Micah 7:1-20
Wednesday, February 14, 2018		
Classes	13	Revelation 7:1-17

## Bible Quiz

The Lamb shall lead the saved unto what?

Last Week's Answer— White robes (Revelation 6:11)

*“<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. <sup>15</sup>As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*

John 10:13-14

### —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)