

# A PARABLE of the WOLF'S TAIL

The Good Shepherd had told the flock often, "Be aware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

On a certain day a little member of the flock reported to the under-shepherd, "I see a wolf's tail on one of the sheep." The under-shepherd responded with a wise ancient proverb, "Let the wheat and the tares grow together unto the harvest."

This confused the little one because the Good Shepherd had reminded the flock, "Be aware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Of course, the little flock member did not want to be devoured by a wolf.

Eventually, the wolf's tail grew to a point of being noticed by other members of the flock. As a group they complained to the under-shepherd, "We see a wolf's tail on several sheep in our fold." The under-shepherd replied with another wise ancient proverb, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

This further confused the members of the flock, knowing that the Good Shepherd had consistently warned, "Be aware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." They certainly did not want to be consumed by their deceitful enemies.

As time passed the wolves' tail multiplied and the sheep-fold diminished in strength and number. The repeated phrase from the under-shepherd continued, "Relax, this is the true flock-- none can devour it." Finally, what was happening became evident to the remnant sheep-- hence, they consulted the Good Shepherd who commanded them, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain..." "Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; He will render unto her a recompense." "And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."

The Good Shepherd says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand."