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## **“Concerning Sheep”**

“See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.” (Ecclesiastes 7:29)

### **Wanderlust**

**Isaiah 53:6** – “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

**1 Peter 2:11** – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”

**1 Kings 11:3-4** – (3) “(Solomon) had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. (4) For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.”

**Psalm 78:17-18, 26-31** – (17) “Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. (18) They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. (26) He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; (27) he rained meat on them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; (28) he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their dwellings. (29) And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved. (30) But before they had satisfied their craving, while the food was still in their mouths, (31) the anger of God rose against them, and he killed the strongest of them and laid low the young men of Israel.”

**1 Corinthians 10:4-7** – (4) “...all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. (5) Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (6) Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. (7) Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.””

### **Legalistic Lust**

**Galatians 1:6** – “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel”

**Galatians 3:1-3** – (1) “O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. (2) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? (3) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

**Colossians 2:20-23** – (20) “If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— (21) ‘Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch’ (22) (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? (23) These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.”

### **Led by Love**

**1 John 2:15-17** – (15) “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. (17) And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** – (14) “For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; (15) and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

**John 14:15** – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

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