

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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### Irresponsible Shepherds of The Church

Through magazines, newspapers, blogs, talking to God's people face to face, I have discovered a serious concern within their hearts.....

**(COMMENT / CONCERN #1):** I am very concerned about this emerging generation of future church leaders. Our present leaders have only provided a pseudo-religion, appalling integrity, advanced skills in hustling, no responsibility for sin, and disobedience, arrogant justification for unrighteousness, tolerance for perversion, self-gratification, no humility, no demonstrated love for God, no unconditional love for the people or God (no relationship), competition with other leaders and no fruit for repentance. Only two things can happen: (1) These emerging leaders will receive mercy to weep between the porch and the altar, or (2) they will embrace the works of the anti-christ. They defy Christ because we (the people of God) have not demonstrated, reflected or revealed Him. We ought to be grieved over what we have done and what we are allowing! It cannot be about "YOU!" Their teeth are being set on edge...DO WE EVEN CARE?

**(COMMENT / CONCERN #2):** Beware of false prophets who speak loudly of their love of God but espouse hate, disdain, fear, and prejudices - this is not of God. Pray for YOUR understanding with an open heart and be freed from your anger. Often anger is bred from ignorance. Search your heart and use your mind to find God's truth - not the truth of the person screaming the loudest.

Be encouraged. There is nothing that God is not aware of.. Review God's word on *false teachers* at [www.sohlmeditations.com](http://www.sohlmeditations.com)

Today I want to share the following verses.....:

**EZEKIEL 34:1-10 NKJV** – (1) And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, (2) "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? (3) You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, *but* you do not feed the flock. (4) The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. (5) So they were scattered because *there* was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. (6) My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching *for them*." (7) 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: (8) "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because *there* was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock"— (9) therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! (10) Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I *am* against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

It is God who will raise up and remove leaders from office; our job is to submit to His bidding. Leaders commonly misunderstand this truth. God says whether leaders are good or evil,. He is the one who puts them in place and He is the one that will remove them and, also hold them accountable. (**James 3:1**).

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

EZEKIEL 30:20-26

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**"It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities."**

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