

Obey your leaders and submit to them—for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account—so that they will do this with joy and not with groaning, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17 LSB

- 1. Shepherds represent *the* Shepherd (v. 7; cf. 2:3; Acts 7:10; 1 Pet 5:1–4).
- 2. Sheep obey and submit to their shepherds (Gr. $peith\bar{o}$ [cf. Heb 2:13] and $hypeik\bar{o}$).
- 3. Shepherds (sleeplessly) watch over the past, present, and future state of the souls of the flock.