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Pastors, shepherds, are in the church. That is all it says, there is nothing more, there is no further use in the King James Version of the word pastor. Well, then, how many of you could tell me how many different Greek words are ~~xx~~ translated by the English word pastor in the N.T. This is a case ~~xxxxxxx~~ on which there need not be difference of opinion. There is only one instance where the English word pastor is used, therefore there is only one Greek word translated by the English word. This is one case where we can be ~~xx~~ absolutely dogmatic. (laughter) ~~xxx~~ We don't need to say or guess, we can say that we know that if it is only used once, there is only one Greek word which can possibly be used. We couldn't ~~xxxxxx~~ translate more in the English Bible because it is only used once.

(question) But the English word pastor only occurs once in the English version, and so it is only used to ~~xxxxxxx~~ translate one Hebrew word, and that is the word....., which means a shepherd. That is used once in the ^English Bible, and this word occurs in the English Bible about fifteen times...as sheep having no ~~shepherd~~ shepherd, as shepherds abide his sheep, I will smite the shepherd, ~~shepherds~~ shepherds abiding in the fields, the shepherds said one to another, ~~Jesus~~ Jesus is the shepherd of the sheep, I am the good shepherd, there is one fold and one shepherd, Heb. 11:20, that great shepherd of the sheep, I Pet. 2:25, return to the shepherd and bishop of your soul. It is only used of a ~~man~~ human official once in the N.T. Now it is true that the word ~~man~~ from which it is taken..... occurs in the N.T. Matt2:6, shall rule my people Israel, Luke 10:17, a servant feeding cattle, John 21:16, feed my sheep, Acts 20:28, to feed the church of God, I Cor. 9:7, who feedeth the flock, I Pet. 5:2, feed the ~~man~~ flock of God, Jude 12, ~~man~~ feeding themselves without fear, Rev. 2:27, he shall rule them with a rod of iron, three more instances in Revelation, two of them translated rules.

So, as you see, the word is used very definitely for the function of the leaders in the Christian church to feed the ~~man~~ flock. Very definitely. But it is not a common word in connection with ch. govt. The related word