

THE GOSPEL *of* JOHN

CHAPTER 10:1-10

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" Are You a Sheep ? " - Part 2

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

John 10:1-10

Last Time, In Chapter 10 - We Saw Jesus

"Teaching" and "Revealing" The Fact That Those Who Come to Trust in Christ as Shepherd – Know His Voice !!!

Background to the Shepherd and His Sheep

We Remember That -
The shepherd was a simple man

With Simple Equipment
- Anointing Oil / Sling / Staff / And The Rod...

Hebrews 12:6-7

For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. 7
If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

Recapping...

1.) *Salvation is exclusively of God* vv.1

"Verily, Verily, Truly, Truly or Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

a.) *His salvation is absolute* v.1

"Verily, Verily, Truly, Truly or Most assuredly

b.) *His salvation is direct* v.1

I say to you

The Scribes and Pharisees

We know this from chapter 9:40

John 9:40

Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words...

The Sheep Fold was Israel

c.) *His salvation is final* v.1

he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

a thief and a robber

is not someone trying to get into heaven another way as much as someone coming and offering another way...

And each of them led to the final destination

Matthew 24:11

And many false prophets **shall** (in floridian = may or may not)
(in english = will) rise, and shall deceive many.

2.) *The Lord is the Shepherd*

vv.2-3

2 "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

a.) *Jesus alone is the qualified shepherd*

v.2

**"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd
of the sheep**

The Village or Communal Sheepfold

Is in mind here

b.) *Jesus alone is the authorized shepherd*

v.3

**"To him the doorkeeper opens, and
the sheep hear his voice;**

the doorkeeper opens

when a shepherd came back from his duties in town, he would approach the doorkeeper and validate himself...

“His Predicted Coming”

Revelation 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, **a door standing open** in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

John 14:1-4

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

c.) *Jesus alone is the faithful shepherd*

v.3

**and he calls his own sheep by name
and leads them out.**

by name

God Knows Your Name
He Leads Us Out "Force"

Jesus will never take you,
Where He has not already been Himself

Sheep are Led, Not Driven

In Israel, There is only one time you'll see the sheep being driven,
Smacked - kicked - Abused - Yelled at
Is when the butcher takes it to the slaughter house to be killed

**Ever Seen a Beaten Animal?
Ever Seen a Beaten Child?**

Luke 17:1-2

...woe to him through whom offenses come! 2 " for It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the depths of the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Ever Seen a Beaten Christian?

Hebrews 13:5

"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Our Study Begins Here

3.) *Jesus guides His own along*

vv.4-5

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

a.) *He goes ahead of them*

v.4

"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

when he "brings" out his own
to rescue, to deliver, to save out of

With Force and
Determination

What Has He Removed You From

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

b.) He is recognized by them

v.5

"Yet they will by no means follow a stranger,

no means

**(trickery, craftiness, deception)
will follow**

1 John 2:27

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Sheep "stick"

It's the nature of a sheep to stick to the shepherd

Over The Years

We may get **bounced** - We may get **shaken up** - We may get **dropped**

John 15:10-11

"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Sheep will abide by (new) nature

c.) He has their confidence

v.5

**but will flee from him,
for they do not know the voice of strangers."**

but will flee from

sadly - it happens in every church when there are real sheep, you can expect real robbers and thieves...

that's why there are pastors, shepherds over the flock to be on guard duty, to be watching carefully, and to walk among them

JUST CHECKING FOR WOOL

Matthew 7:15-16

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in **sheep's clothing**, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits.

Just Lift Up Their Wool and Look at Their Fruit - it's rotten

They Confuse, Irritate, Upset the Flock

Do Your Children Run Toward You When They're Scared
Or do they run away from you?

Acts 20:27-31

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

4.) *Jesus teaches his own*

vv.6-7

6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. 7 Then Jesus said to them again, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.**

a.) *He teaches, and then He teaches again* v.6-7

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b.) *He affirms His position* v.7

"Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

It's Important That We Understand This

I am the door

The Shepherd Would Stand, Sit or Sleep in the Doorway, Becoming the very DOOR himself

WOLVES could not enter into the fold
Nor could a sheep leave the fold

**BECAUSE THE SHEPHERD'S BODY WAS IN
THE ENTRANCE**

The Application is This

To Leave the Flock You Must Step Over The Body
of Jesus Christ

1 Peter 2:25

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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.

5.) Jesus saves His own

vv.8-10

8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

There is a Shepherding Term "Cast Down"

Psalm 42:11

Why are you **cast down**, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

to be **cast down**
rolled over and unable to stand aright

Psalm 100:3-5

Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

a.) No other can save you

v.8-9a

"All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door.

Matthew 9:35-36

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

b.) No other can produce the goods

v.9

9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Ephesians 2:18

For through Him we have access by one Spirit to the Father.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Psalms 121:7-8

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; he shall preserve your soul. 8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; **for without Me you can do nothing.**

**he will be saved
&
will go in and out and find pasture.**

1 Timothy 6:6

godliness (God-in-us) with contentment is great gain.

John 4:14

"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

c.) No other can open your eyes

v.10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."

?? How Does The Thief Do This ??

he tries to tell us things that will confuse us, scatter us and contradict what The Shepherd has Said and Done !!!

Romans 5:9

now been justified by His blood (who's blood?), we shall be saved

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, (who's blood?) even the forgiveness of sins

Colossians 1:14

in whom we have redemption through His blood, (who's blood?) and the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:12

but with His own blood (who's blood?) He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

1 John 1:7

...as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us (has cleansed / is cleansing / shall always cleans us) from all sin.

Like a Shower of Blood

- Is Mohammed the Door?
- Is Buddha the Door?
- Is Confusous the Door?
- Is Krishna the Door?
- Is Joseph Smith the Door?
- Is Billy Graham the Door?
- Is John Paul the Door?

v.9 "I am The Door.

If you hear about another door or see another door
Guess what – you've got a robber and thief on your hands

- Steal** 2813 klepto (klep'-to);
to take away by stealth. To take that which is not your own
- Kill** 2380 thuo (thoo'-o);
To mame, cripple, tear, bleed, devour
- Destroy** 622 apollumi (ap-ol'-loo-mee);
To extinguish, to cause to perish. To expire

d.) No other can compare

v.10

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Acts 1:3

Jesus - whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs...

Luke 24:1-6

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember...

Acts 3:1-9

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength... 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them-- walking, leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

Life

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Overflowing, exceeding, abundant, above, more great advantage, very highly, beyond measure or what can be counted

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Amen