

John 10

- 1-6 Shepherd vs thief - legal access to sheep (enters by door - narrow prophetic gate)
Doorkeeper (Father) only opens to Rightful Owner (Col 1:16)
Shepherd: calls sheep by name (intimacy), leads them (care)
Sheep: hear His voice (attention), follow Him (trust) - not stranger (different voice)
- 7-10 **Jesus the Door** (Jn 14:6) vs thieves before - sheep didn't respond to them
(Mt 9:36-38) But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."
entering by Him - Salvation, Pasture (Ps 23)
(Jn 10:10) 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.
Life vs Exploitation (no other choice - protection or predation)
(2Pe 2:3) By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words;
(Ga 4:17) They zealously court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.
Sheep are Dumb (video) and really need the Shepherd
do you see Submission as comfort (Ps 23:4) or restriction?
- 11-13 **Jesus the Good Shepherd** - gives His Life for the Sheep
Hireling (Pharisees?) - protects his life at the cost of the Sheep (doesn't own or care)
(Je 3:15) And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.
- 14-18 Good Shepherd intimately knows Sheep, same as intimate relationship with Father
Plan: sacrifice Himself to bring all His Sheep into Their relationship (Jn 17 unity)
- 19-21 extreme reaction - only rational choices (Trilemma: Lord, liar, lunatic)
- 22-27 "tell us plainly if You are the Christ"
I did, you didn't believe - reminds them of 2nd witness of Father's works
they don't believe because they are not His Sheep
How do you know if you're one of His Sheep?
(Jn 10:27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
Submissive Hearts (Lk 6:46, Jam 1:22 - deception)
- We Hear with our Hearts - Parable of Sower: same Word, different Hearts
(Mk 4:15) And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.
(Mt 13:13-15) Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴"And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull.'
(Lk 8:15) But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.
- 28-29 Eternal Security in Heart Submission to the Good Shepherd
30-39 they want to stone Him because He claims God status