

Chapter 10

(1) Truly, truly, I say to you, He who does not enter in by the door {gate} into the sheep pen, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

(2) But he who enters in by the door {gate} is the shepherd of the sheep.

(3) To him the porter {gate keeper} opens; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

(4) And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him: because they know his voice.

(5) And a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him: because they do not know the voice of strangers.

(6) This parable Jesus spoke to them: but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

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(7) Then Jesus said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

(8) All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not listen to them.

(9) I am the door: if any man enters in by Me, he shall be saved, and shall 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 might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

(11) I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

(12) But he who is hired, and not the shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep.

(13) The hired hand flees, because he is a hired hand, and does not care for the sheep.

(14) I am the good Shepherd, and know My *sheep*, and am known of by them.

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(15) As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep.

(16) And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one fold, *and* one Shepherd.

(17) Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again.

(18) No man takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own self. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment I have received of My Father.

(19) There was a division therefore again among the Jews because of these sayings.

(20) And many of them said, He has a demon, and is mad; why do you listen to Him?

(21) Others said, These are not the words of One who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

(22) And it was at Jerusalem the Feast of the Dedication {Hanukkah; Feast of Lights},^a and it was winter.

(23) And Jesus walked into the temple in Solomon's porch.^b

(24) Then the Jews came around Him, and said to Him, How long do You cause us to doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.

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(25) Jesus answered them, I told you, and you did not believe: the works that I do in My Father's Name, they bear witness of Me.

(26) But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

(27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:

(28) And I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of My hand.

(29) My Father, Who gave *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of My Father's hand.

(30) I and My Father are one.

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(31) Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

(32) Jesus answered them, **Many good works I have shown you from My Father; for which of those works do you stone Me?**

(33) The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we do not stone You; but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself God.

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10:22a – Feast of Dedication [Hanukkah] {Jewish month of Kislev – Kislev 25 [November- December] }– temple re-dedicated after desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes
– See Ezek. 43:13-27 – Mattathias led a revolt that was continued by his son Maccabeus that ended with the Jews having a short time of freedom. When the dedication of the temple took place the Jews only had 1 day’s supply of oil for their lights, but miraculously the oil lasted the full 8 days of the celebration and came to be called – Feast of Lights

10:23b – Solomon’s Porch – see note on Acts 3:11