

# The Voice of The Good Shepherd

***My sheep...HEAR MY VOICE! (John 10)***

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## **The True Shepherd Is Legitimate**

John 10:1-2 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

## **The Voice of The Shepherd Is Listened For and Recognized (*My Voice Is My Password*)**

John 10:3-4 The watchman opens the gate for him and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

## **An Unfamiliar Voice Causes The Lord's Sheep To Flee**

John 10:5-6 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice. Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what He was telling them.

## **The True Shepherd Is Exclusive**

John 10:7-8 Therefore; Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I Am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before Me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

Isaiah 43:10b-11 Before Me- no god was formed, nor shall there be any after Me! I, I Am the Lord and besides Me there is no Savior!

## **The Shepherd Is The Only Way Into Fulness of Life**

John 10:9-10 I Am The Gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

John 14:5-7 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I Am The Way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me! If you really knew Me, you would know My Father! From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him!"

## **The True Shepherd Is Confirmed By His Actions**

John 10:11-13 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. When he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

## **The Good Shepherd Is Intimate With His Own**

John 10:14-15 I Am The Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me-- just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father--and I lay down My life for the sheep.

## **The Flock Of The Shepherd Is Extensive**

John 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Surely- I am with you always, to the very end of the age!"

## **The Shepherd's Agape Sacrifice Is Authorized By Our Father**

John 10:17-18 The reason My Father loves Me is that I lay down My life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father."

## **Inability To Hear, Recognize And Follow The Voice Of The Savior Is A Symptom Of Spiritual Deception**

John 8:42-43 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on My own; but He sent Me. Why is My language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

## **People's True Identity Is Evident In WHO THEY LISTEN TO!**

John 10:25-28 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in My Father's name speak for Me, but you do not believe because you are not My sheep. My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand.

John 5:43 I have come in My Father's Name and you do not accept Me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him!