

Problem: psalm 23
 is the Lord you shepherd
 do you hear Him and listen to His voice
 do you follow Him
 even through the shadow of death?
 does His rod and staff comfort you
 do you get disciplined when you don't? (Heb 12)

Text:**False Doors, Shepherds and Sheep**

John 10:1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the **sheepfold** by the **door** but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2 But he who enters by the door is the **shepherd** of the **sheep**.

John 10:3 To him the **gatekeeper** opens. The **sheep** hear his **voice**, and he calls **his own sheep by name** and leads them out.

John 10:4 When he has brought out all **his own**, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

John 10:5 A **stranger** they will **not follow**, but they will **flee** from him, for they do not know the **voice of strangers**."

John 10:6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

(1) false shepherds/ another way - Matt 23:13-38;

(3-4) true sheep listen to His voice and follow Him- 10:16

(5) true sheep flee strangers - 10:8; 5:43

(Application: who do you hear/follow 1 Pet 5:1-4)

(Application: Who do you flee? Gal 4:16-17; 6:11-14)

The Only Door

John 10:7 ¶ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep**.

John 10:8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

John 10:9 **I am the door**. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

(9) I Am the Door- the door is not the synagogue - Jn 9:1, 7, 22, 35-38 (catholic church etc)

it is Christ alone - Jn 14:6-7; acts 4:12; 1 tim 2:5

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11 **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

John 10:12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

John 10:13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

John 10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and **I lay down my life for the sheep.**

John 10:16 And I have **other sheep** that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:17 For this reason the Father loves me, because **I lay down my life** that I may take it up again.

John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but **I lay it down of my own accord**. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

(11) I AM the good shepherd - Psalm 80:1-3; Ezekiel 34:1-24; Isaiah 40:9-11; 53:6 (the mighty work was laying down His life)

His Sheep

John 10:19 ¶ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.

John 10:20 Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?"

John 10:21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

John 10:22 ¶ At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,

John 10:23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

John 10:24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,

John 10:26 **but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.**

John 10:27 **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**

John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 10:30 I and the Father are one."

(26-27) my sheep hear my voice because....they are mine

the key Word is MY - we are His ->>>10:3-4, 14, 26, 27; 6:35-40; 8:47; 17:9, 20, 24

(28) He calls you by name - Jn 10:3

change the pronouns jn 10:28 (3:16)

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believer: we love Him because He first loved us - salvation is personal and specific

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psalm 139:1-18 - this is His heart

we may see ourselves and see only sin and shame but when He looks at you beloved - He sees the reason He came

Main Idea:

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<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/7-traits-of-false-teachers>

<https://carm.org/what-is-limited-atonement>

http://rofgrace.com/election_and_particular_redemption

<https://mikeratliff.wordpress.com/2014/05/23/limited-atonement-particular-redemption/>