

John 10:9–11

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.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:25-30

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do 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 them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.

³⁰ I and My Father are one.”

More Secure is No One Ever John 10:27-30

INTRO:

We jump into this text after the location had moved to Solomon’s portico in the temple and it is winter. We are here to listen as our Lord explained who the sheep are who can understand spiritual realities. In this discussion the Lord Jesus taught them and us how secure His saved ones are. We begin in **John 10:26**. *“But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.”*

I. Who Are the Lord’s Sheep? (verses 27-28)

II. Who Is the Father? (v. 29)

III. Who Is the Son? (v.30)

I. Who Are the Lord’s Sheep? (verses 27-28)

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

John 10:27–28

A. Who are His sheep? What does this mean? What have they heard?

1. His sheep heard our divine shepherd’s cry of invitation. **Matthew 11:28-29**

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

2. His Sheep also heard the voice of His command and commission. His command is that we grow in Him. The mouthpiece is Peter

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

The Commission is: **Matthew 28:19–20**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

B. Another mark of Our Lord’s sheep is intimacy. (v. 27)
“And I know them.”

1. The Apostle Paul told Timothy in **2 Timothy 2:19**,
“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’”

2. Our Lord’s knowing His sheep includes His watch care and love. He bears our burdens because He loves us. **1 Peter 5:7**
“Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.”

3. There is one other way he knows His own we need to see. **Psalm 1:6** tells us,
“For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.”
His knowledge and love surround our every step.

C. Third, the Lord’s sheep obey Him.
“And I know them and they follow Me.”

They desire to be like their Savior. Do you remember **John 21:19–22**?
“This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following... Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, ‘But Lord, what about this man?’” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

D. The fourth mark of Christ’s sheep is their security. (v. 28)
“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

1. Notice how absolute is the promise. First, Jesus gives them eternal life. This is why the Savior came into the world. **John 17:1-3**
“Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.’”

2. Second, they can never ever perish. This is an **“ou me”** statement which means it is ***impossible*** they could perish.

3. Third, no one can snatch them out of His hand. Some misunderstand the word picture. Remember all the allusions to the power of God’s hand in the Bible. Just two examples in **Acts 7:50**
“Has My hand not made all these things?”

This is from Stephen's defense. Again, in **Isaiah 41:10** Yahweh made a promise to His covenant people.

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

His omnipotent hand holds us, His covenant people, upright.

II. Who Is the Father? (v. 29)

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

A. To ensure we know how secure the Good Shepherd's sheep are, our Lord indulges in overkill. Not only can no one ever take them out of the God/Man's hand, God the Father who is acknowledged as greater than all by everyone, even these obstinate Jewish leaders, also ensures their security.

B. No one can ever snatch these sheep away from the God who gave them to Christ or from the Lord Jesus who was charged with giving them eternal life and keeping them to the end.

III. Who Is the Son? (v.30)

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

A. Some will point out that this verse implies function and not necessarily being. In other words, in the securing of our salvation, God the Father and God the Son work together to accomplish our security.

B. Although this is entirely true, it is not the whole story. Remember **John 1:1-2?**

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God."

He was both the One God and yet distinguishable from God the Father. The writers of the New Testament are not embarrassed by this reality. We have a term for this which they never had. We call it the Trinity. We did not invent the concept of our one God in three co-equal persons, but theologians did coin a term to describe it. Our Lord Jesus is not a separate and competing deity. Rather, He is the Son of God forever doing everything in concert with the Father's perfect will.

What is the important lesson here?

1. Are we His sheep? How can we be sure? First, have we put our faith in Christ as our Savior and Lord?

Second, do we hear His voice in His Word?

Do we trust Him because He knows and loves us?

Do we desire to follow Him wherever He leads?

2. We must recognize how secure we are. He gave us eternal life. We will never perish. No one can snatch us either from His hand or from His Father's hand. **Romans 8:38-39**

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other

created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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