

John 10:1-10: I Am The Door.

I. 1-6: Thief Or Shepherd?

There's only one legitimate way off access sheep in sheepfold; the door. The Shepherd enters through the door but thieves and robbers jump over the fence/barriers. Literally, a shepherd comes through the door; the door keeper (security) gives him access to the sheepfold, then calls out his sheep and takes them for pasture and water.

II. 7-10: I Am The Door.

Jesus says of Himself the Door of the sheep; the full picture is that the sheepfold is heaven and He is the ONLY ONE who allows people in.

There had been an influx of robbers and thieves (satanic, destructive, murderous and deceptive teachers and shepherds).

The Pharisees have shown that they are ungodly leaders of Israel by their excommunication of the man born blind.

Matthew 5:20 - *"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, Satan is the chief thief.

Mathew 4:3 -... [*thetempter came to Jesus asking Him to turn the stones into bread*].

John 8:44 -...he is a **liar** and the father of it.

1 Peter 5:8 -Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may **devour**.

Revelation 12:10 - ...the **accuser** of our brethren, who accused them before out God day and night

Jesus Christ saves, protects and provides for us – that is **abundant life**.

i. Saves

Ephesians 2:8 - *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,*

The sheepfold door-keeper would actually sleep across the door, he was the door; he had to be tied up or killed before the sheep were accessed. In full scale

Satan and our sin killed Jesus to get a hold of us but He rose from the dead to give us eternal life.

ii. Protects

Psalm 28:7 - *The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him.*

John 10:28 - *“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand.*

iii. Provides

Psalm 23:2 - *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*