

JOHN 10 vs 1

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In this chapter, John the disciple whom Jesus loved, one of the original followers of the Lord; **eye-witnesses to Jesus Christ** he next writes of blind Pharisees and hypocritical religious leaders, who claimed to be the spiritual guides of the people of God, as they sought to prevent and obstruct Christ in His work, increasingly they ganged up against Him. He had received no commission from them; nor was He instructed in their societies. To them, He was the imposter. And these two-faced leaders, like stalkers in darkness surround this chapter and incident recorded by John. And Jesus, continuing to answer them, says:

¹ **Amen! Amen!** / He puts two exclamation points on what He's going to tell us; which means, we can count on what He says.

I say to you, He who enters **not by the door into the sheepfold** / now, most people enter by doors, don't they? In other words, lawful, normal entrance, right? But Jesus says.../ having no lawful cause of entry,

but climbs up some other way / notice Jesus doesn't have time to tell us about ALL the other ways. So, don't worry about the other ways. Just keep our eyes fixed on that Door. Like John Bunyan says in **Pilgrims Progress**, Do you see the light at the Door? Keep your eyes fixed on it, and run to it.

He who enters **not by the door... but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber** / anyone claiming entrance another way... is a fraud and illegal intruder.

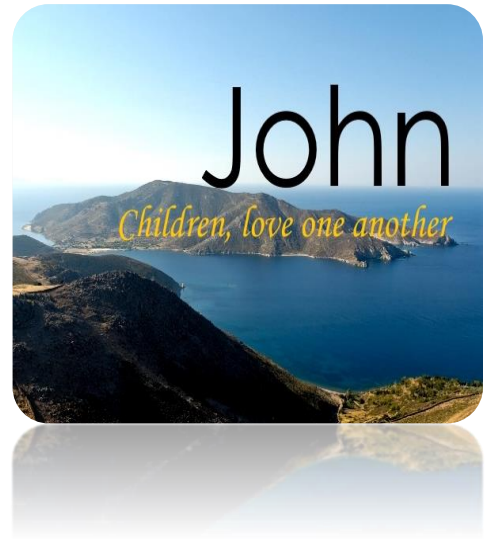
² **But he that enters in by the Door is the **shepherd**** / is the: **poimen**... used 18 times in the NT, always in reference to Jesus... except 1 time in Ephesians 4 when translated: **pastor**.

Ezekiel tells us: the Lord God is against the shepherds who feed themselves from the flock, rather than feed the flock. He says, **I, the Lord God, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.** As a shepherd seeks out his flock, and will deliver them safely. -- **Ezekiel 34**

Isaiah 40:11 says, He will feed His flock like a shepherd: He will gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them on His heart, and will gently lead those that are with young.

Psalms 100 says, Make a joyful noise to the Lord... come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God: He made us, and not we ourselves; **we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.** We're learning about the **Shepherd**, or we can say: the **Pastor**, and really, there is only One that matters, He leads the way.

But he who enters in by the Door, is the Shepherd of the sheep and the sheep follow.



³ **To him, the door-keeper opens / thyroros...** used 4 times in the NT; the guardian of access can be a man or woman. In the OT, the hierarchy of porters was selected to guard every door; they did not promote open borders; those who joined Jesus also knew door-keepers were on the same list as scribes and teachers and officers and singers. **Psalm 84 says**, I would be a doorkeeper in the house of my God.

The night Jesus was betrayed, He said: **guard to protect** My Words which came from The Father; those who are doorkeepers of the Word of God, provide safe access for the sheep of our great Pastor; faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

To him, the door-keeper opens / this one who is watchful, stays alert for the voice of the Shepherd... who lovingly cares for His sheep that must traverse the territory of venomous snakes and wild beasts;



and the sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out / and as we see domesticated pets know the voice of their owner; so **the good Shepherd; the good Pastor** doesn't say, Hey, you! He knows His sheep who follow Him, individually,

⁴ **And when he puts forth his own /** literally, when he **throws out his own...** like a mother-bird pushes its eaglet out of the nest; so the Shepherd tosses His sheep out of the pen,

and the sheep join him: for they know his voice / His sheep like being with the One who leads them. They recognize His voice, when His Word is heard; and not just some lifeless, noisy opinions about what He said; in fact, some speakers secretly love to listen to their own voice; or worse, listen to the hocus pocus clerics who substitute



their own worn out traditions. You know, if Jesus sounded as dull and uninspiring and vacant headed and boring as most leaders – both civil and religious... reading their speeches like we hear in the news today; then what Jesus started 2000 years ago... would have died out long ago.

⁵ **And a stranger they will not follow,**

but will run away from him: for they do not know the voice of strangers.

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‘This parable Jesus spoke to them,

but they did **not** understand what He said to them / these blind, hypocritical Pharisees; were probably scratching their vacant head, but like scratching a balloon -- except scratch too hard and, in this case, sawdust will fly out... and then you got a mess to clean up!

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