

John 10:10-18

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**.

- **I John 3:8** "He who sins is of the _____, for the _____ has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might _____ the _____ of the _____."
- **II Corinthians 11:13-15** "For such are _____ apostles, _____ workers, transforming themselves into the [appearance of] apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for _____ himself transforms himself into an _____ of _____". Therefore, it is no surprise if his ministers (servants) also are transformed [into the appearance of] ministers of _____; whose end (reward) will be according to their _____."

Definition: "The THIEF comes to STEAL, and to KILL, and to DESTROY" - Satan is the THIEF, and his "works" are always things that STEAL, KILL and DESTROY something in your life. Satan's servants also steal, kill and destroy, but many times they are disguised as "good" and RELIGIOUS people. Jesus was speaking of the Pharisees and Jewish leaders who were doing Satan's work, and leading the people AWAY FROM GOD.

- **John 8:44** "You are of your father, the _____, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a _____ from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is _____ in him. When he speaks a _____, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a _____, and the father of _____."

Definition: "For this PURPOSE the Son of God was MANIFESTED" - This means the purpose for which Jesus came to earth - He came to earth as a Man (was manifested) for the purpose of DESTROYING the works of the devil, and REDEEMING us and the whole earth from the CURSE of SIN.

Definition: "They may have LIFE, and have it MORE ABUNDANTLY" - Jesus is NOT speaking about MATERIAL abundance or financial prosperity, but about SPIRITUAL blessings and abundance. God does promise to supply all our physical needs, but the most important things are the things of the Spirit, such blessings as forgiveness, eternal life in heaven, and a relationship with God Himself.

- **Ephesians 1:3** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us with every _____ blessing in heavenly places in _____."
- **Read Psalm 103:1-12** (Verses 2-5) "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His _____; who _____ all your iniquities, who _____ all your diseases, who _____ you life from destruction, who crowns you with _____ and tender _____, who satisfies your mouth with _____ things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."
- **Romans 8:32** "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely _____ us _____?"
- **Read Psalm 23:1-6** (Verses 1-3) "The _____ is my _____; I shall not want (be in need, lack anything). He makes me to lie down in _____ pastures; He leads me beside the still (peaceful) waters. He _____ my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." (Verse 6)

"Surely _____ and _____ shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

11-13. I am the good shepherd. The **GOOD SHEPHERD gives His LIFE** for the sheep. But **he who is a hireling and not the shepherd**, one who **does not OWN the sheep**, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

- **Psalm 95:6-7** "Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the _____ of His _____, and the _____ of His hand....."
- **Ezekiel 34:11-12** "For thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I _____ will search for My _____ and seek them out. As a shepherd _____ for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered _____, so I will _____ for My _____ and will _____ them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.'"
- **Read Luke 15:3-7** "So He spoke this parable (a story illustrating something about God) to them saying, 'What man of you, having a hundred _____, if He _____ one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the _____ which is _____ until He finds it? And when He has _____ it, He lays it on His shoulders, _____. And when He comes home, He calls together His _____ and neighbors, saying to them, '_____ with Me, for I have _____ My _____ which was lost!' I say to you that likewise (in the same way) there will be more _____ in _____ over one _____ who _____ than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.'"

Definition: "HIRELING and NOT the SHEPHERD" - Jesus is the Chief Shepherd of His FLOCK, the church. He OWNS the sheep, but there are many under-shepherds (pastors, ministers of churches, Sunday School teachers, etc.). Those who have a TRUE GIFT from God to pastor or shepherd His flock, will do so eagerly and freely. However, there will always be some who serve in the church out of wrong motives - either for money, prestige, pride of position, or desire for power. Jesus says these people are just "hirelings" who do not really love and care for His sheep.

- **I Peter 5:2-4** "_____ the _____ of God which is among you, serving as overseers (pastors), not by constraint (being forced) but willingly, not for _____ gain but eagerly; not as being _____ over those _____ to you, but being _____ to the flock; and when the Chief _____ appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away."
- **Ephesians 4:11-13** "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some _____ and _____, for the _____ of the _____ for the work of _____, for the edifying (building up) of the _____ of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect (mature) man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"

14-15. I AM the GOOD SHEPHERD; and I know My sheep, and **am KNOWN by My OWN.** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and **I LAY DOWN MY LIFE for the sheep.**

- **Isaiah 40:11** "Like a _____ He will tend His _____, in His arm He will gather the _____, and carry them in His bosom; He will _____ lead the nursing ewes." Micah 5:2-5a (Verse 4) "And He will arise and _____ His _____ in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of

the name of the Lord His God. And they will remain, because at that time He will be great to the ends of the earth. And this One will be our Peace...."

- **Hebrews 13:20-21** "Now may the God of peace who brought _____ our Lord _____ from the _____, that great _____ of the _____, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen."
- **I Peter 2:24-25** "Who Himself bore (took away) our _____ in His own _____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might _____ for _____ - by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed. For you were like _____ going astray, but have now _____ to the _____ and Overseer of your _____."

Definition: "I am KNOWN by My OWN" - The most important thing we will ever do in our lives is to come to KNOW JESUS. Nothing else matters (see Matthew 7:21-23).

- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** "Thus says the Lord, 'Let not the wise man boast (glory) in his _____, and let not the mighty man boast of his _____, let not the rich man boast of his _____; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he _____ and _____ Me, that I am the _____ who exercises loving kindness, justice, and righteousness on the earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the Lord."

Definition: "I LAY DOWN MY LIFE for the SHEEP" - Jesus willingly LAY DOWN His life as a GUILT OFFERING or SIN OFFERING for us. He DIED that we might LIVE.

- **Isaiah 53:5-6 & 10** "But He was _____ for _____ transgressions, He was bruised for _____ iniquities; the chastisement for _____ peace was upon _____, and by His stripes (welts from a severe whipping) we are _____. All we like _____ have _____; we have turned, every one, to his _____; and the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the _____ of us _____. (Verse 10) "But the Lord was pleased to _____ Him, putting Him to grief; if He would _____ Himself as a guilt _____, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand."
- **Zechariah 13:6-7** "And one will say to Him, 'What are those _____ in Your hands?' Then He will say, 'Those with which I was _____ in the house of My _____. 'Awake, O sword, against My _____, and against the Man, My Associate (Hebrew word means "equal"),' declares the Lord of hosts. 'Strike the _____ that the _____ may be scattered; and I will turn My hand against the little ones.'"

Definition: "TRANSGRESSIONS, INIQUITIES & CHASTISEMENT" -

"Transgressions" refers to all the times we have violated God's laws and commandments. "Iniquities" refers to WICKEDNESS, or UNRIGHTEOUS ACTS. "Chastisement" means PUNISHMENT.

16. And OTHER sheep I have which are **not of THIS FOLD**; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be **ONE flock and one shepherd**.

- **Matthew 15:24** "But He answered and said, 'I was not sent _____ to the lost _____ of the house of _____.'"

Definition: "The LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE of ISRAEL" - Jesus did not become the SAVIOR of the WORLD until AFTER He died on the cross and shed His blood for the sins of the world. Then, He would go to the "other sheep" of His, the Gentiles.

- **Ephesians 2:11-18** "Therefore remember that you, who were once _____ in the flesh -- who are called Uncircumcision by those who are called the Circumcision (the Jews), in the flesh, made by human hands - that at that time, you [Gentiles] were _____ Christ, being _____ from the commonwealth (blessings) of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no _____, and _____ God in this world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off, have been made near by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace, who has made _____ one [body], and has broken down the middle wall of division between us, having ABOLISHED in His flesh the enmity, that is the LAW of COMMANDMENTS contained in ordinances, so as to _____ in _____ one new man [the Body of Christ] from the two [Jews & Gentiles], thus making peace, and that He might RECONCILE them both to God in _____ through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off (the Gentiles), and to those who were near (the Jews/Israel). For through Him we _____ have access by _____ Spirit to the Father."

Definition: "AFAR OFF" and "NEAR" - This refers to the **Gentiles**, who were **far away** ("afar off") from God in Old Testament times, and the Jews, or nation of Israel, who were "near" to God. Salvation was not open to the non-Jews until AFTER Jesus went to the cross and shed His blood, and then they "came NEAR by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13).

- **Isaiah 56:6-7** "Also, the sons of the foreigner (Gentile) who _____ themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to _____ the name of the Lord, to be His servants..... and takes hold of My covenant - even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer..... for My house shall be called a _____ of prayer for all _____."

17-18. Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.

- **Luke 23:46** "And when _____ had cried out with a loud voice, He said, '_____, into Your hands I _____ My _____.' And having said this, He breathed His last."
- **Matthew 27:50** "_____, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, _____ up His _____."

Definition: "I LAY IT DOWN of Myself" "I have POWER to TAKE IT AGAIN" - If Jesus had just said, "I lay down My life of Myself" we might say He just meant He was laying it down as an offering to God, just as any martyr could do. However, Jesus said He has the power to "take it up again" (come back to life), so we know He is talking about **something far greater than anything a mere human being could do**. He had the POWER to "yield (give) up His spirit" on the cross - **to release His spirit to the Father at the TIME that He CHOSE**. Most crucifixions took ALL DAY, if not DAYS, to kill the person, yet Jesus was dead within a few short hours. Even Pilate and the Roman soldiers were surprised that He was dead so soon.