

# Shepherd

John 10:1-38

*“He who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

*“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

*“I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.... For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.*

*“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 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. I and the Father are one.”  
(John 10:2-4, 9-10, 14-18, 27-29, NASB)*

Father, the deep knowing that binds You to the Son  
now binds me to Him.  
And as I am bound to Him,  
I am bound to You as well.

He calls me personally,  
by my own name, and  
I recognize His voice.  
I am learning to follow no voice but His.  
For when He speaks, I hear You, Father:  
Your love,  
Your wisdom,  
Your tender, faithful, constant care for me.

Your Son leads me through every day –  
me, Father,  
through everything that comes.

He protects me with Himself.

He places His own body  
    between me and any approaching harm.  
He, the Good Shepherd, the Almighty God, is  
    the Gate,  
    the Door,  
    my impenetrable Shield,  
    my impregnable Fortress.

I need not fear  
    need,  
    temptation,  
    sickness, or  
    even death.

Everything that touches me comes through Him,  
    and through You, Father.

Because I am in His hands,  
    I am in Yours.

You and I are beginning to share  
    the same knowing,  
    the same peace,  
    the same deep love  
that You share with the Son.

Complete us, Father.  
Complete us in Jesus Christ.

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