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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord lead us and guide us in all of our Fathers ways, mentor and teach us all. Give us discernment, and revelation, and guard us in Your ways. Go before us, behind us, on each side of us, above us and below us and protect our backs, take care of everything and if there is anything we need to know tell us. Protect us and keep us and bless each one, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

1 "I tell you the solemn truth,¹ the one who does not enter the sheepfold² by the door,³ but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The doorkeeper¹ opens the door² for him,³ and the sheep hear his voice. He⁴ calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁵ 4 When he has brought all his own sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. 5 They will never follow a stranger, but will run a way from him, because they do not recognize the stranger's voice." 6 Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, "I tell you the solemn truth, I am the door for the sheep. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will come in and go out, and find pasture. John 14:6; 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

John 10: 1-10

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11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Isa 40:11; Ezek 34:23; Heb 13:20; 1Pet 5:4; 12 The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and does not own sheep, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and runs away. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Zech 11:16; 13 Because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep, he runs away.

14 "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me – 2Tim 2:19; 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. Matt 11:27; Luke 10:22; John 6:46; John 7:29; 16 I have other sheep that do not come from this sheepfold. I must bring them too, and they will listen to my voice, so that there will be one flock and one shepherd. Ezek 37:22; 17 This is why the Father loves me – because I lay down my life, so that I may take it back again. Isa 53:12; 18 No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of my own free will. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it back again. This commandment I received from my Father." John 2:19; **John 10: 11-18**

We are seeing a lot of this today aren't we? The wolves in sheep's clothing throw their lines out, and try to snare people in, when they are presented with the truth, or if they hurt someone they scatter, and they don't care whom they have hurt or they just run away and leave a mess, and no they do not care. They always have another story and they always try to blame it on someone else to. This is why it is so important that we stay in the Word, and study it, how do you know they are teaching the truth unless you study and read the Bible. Some say well that is the pastors job, well yeah it is. The pastor has to study the Word to do the teaching, but you growing up in the Word, once you start maturing in Him, are also to learn the Word. How can you discern if you do not know what you are discerning. Just the other day I was reading a very good article on the apostles, I am thinking ok, this is so cool, it is so good, than wham....one tiny little word...it was so subtle it still freaks me out. As a matter of fact had to look up the scripture and the time frame that was written about to make sure what I found was correct. The man put in the last paragraph that the 12 Apostles, witnessed Jesus' resurrection on the cross....do you see the error?? The Holy Spirit nudged me big time to look it up....so I went through the chapters on the resurrection....Matthew 27:5 than read Matthew 27: 50....do you see it? Judas hung himself before Jesus went to the cross so it was 11 Apostles not 12. Now this could have been a honest error so I posted a message maybe that it is a typo and they should change the ending. Another person posted an article and I was reading through it, the man professed to be a Christian, and that he was saved, than he was asking for a donation for such and such, and he than put Abraham our Lord....see how subtle it is?? Foreign religions mention Abraham or God, but they never say Jesus is Lord.....Pray and ask for discernment and he will teach you....and you need to listen if a still small voice is telling you to look or read it again and you have a uneasy feeling than there probably is a error in the teaching, yes, sometimes it could be a typo, so I do email them, if know answer and you have given them correct scripture....than they are false prophets.....When ever someone gives you a message and says it's from God, than God sends confirmation; one person brings the message, than another person and maybe another will come along with almost the same exact message, from different people that do not know one another. The message will never go against God's Word....sometimes the message is manipulated so slightly a word here and there at first glance you do not see it.....so be on your guard. Don't forget that Satan knows the Word to, frontward and backwards and he also believes in God and he knows whom Jesus is.....if you have a uneasiness or have a strong unpeace than changes are something is up. Also if something sounds to good to be true, check it again; an example we had here in Kansas....A well known church teaching from the Bible and Holy Spirit filled; a man a stranger approached the pastor with a idea to make money. The stranger attended church for about a year and made friends with many people in the church, they knew him to be a upright man, he was a developer. A few months later the stranger started telling people about his plan for a amusement park, as the good people new the old amusement park was falling apart and closed, and well the kids really needed a park with rides, if only some amount of people would invest a thousand here and there....a man comes forward and says and know one knew him and said, do not trust this man I have warned you, he is hustling and he will rip you off....the pastor, people did not believe the man or heed the warning. Several people invested thousands of dollars....up front....the stranger built the park....got all the equipment in place, and I believe he was open for two months and than the stranger filed bankruptcy and moved out of state....so the people had questions, and so did the people that bought season passes for a year in advance...about 100 or 150 each. This stranger and his wife lived off what the people invested for over a year, the money disappeared, the job was over budget, it was questioned....but no one would listen, they had faith in the stranger. The pastor had started a church there. And he is a very good pastor. He also trusted the stranger. The creditors repopped most of the equipment and the land and rest were auctioned off. All those people whom invested lost thousands of dollars not counting the customers all over the town that bought season tickets. In the mean time the stranger was tracked down to another state, and had started a business and bought some land, when they checked his past he had been in prison for some past activity I think fraud but not sure. The point is the man went to church acted like a Christian and all would swear that they thought he was even the pastor, no one believed the man who warned them, they I assume thought he was the one hustling. The church the pastor started in the amusement park was shut down, they were locked out, some good people in the town, offered them a building so he restarted the church. The church thusly had split....

The whole incident was strange, and we all just felt sorry for everyone, including the pastor, some warning signs were there, but the stranger kept reassuring everyone, they trusted him. The stranger now is serving another prison term.....

My sheep hear my voice, but the sheep have to heed the warning. The stranger was so good at what he did, still people took sides with him, the sheep were struck and they scattered....the pastor did not desert the sheep, but the sheep started falling away, the whole incident caused division...now the one's whom left.....what do you think they think, do you think they will feel safe going to a church?? Read the Word and meditate on it.....pray and ask for confirmation. This stranger was so good living like a Christian; saying, walking it, but in time he hung his self. If something seems not quite right than check.

People ask, " how we be sure we are hearing from God?" As believers, hearing God speak to us is our right and our privilege. The Word says that we can know His voice and distinguish it from others; He gives us discernment to identify His voice over voices of deception. In John 10: 3-5. He parallels this discernment with the instinctive nature of sheep that recognize the voice of their shepherd. We can discern the difference between God's voice and the voice of deception if we truly know God's character, nature, and the history of how He has led others before us. We will know that what we have heard is something that is in His nature to say. We will know that what He has said does not contradict His Word, wisdom or common sense. He will enable us to distinguish His voice from the deceptive spirit of error. It is important to look into God's Word and spend time with Him there. The more we study and learn the Word, the more we will let its power flow through our lives and the better we will be able to hear, discern and obey God's voice.

Satan has one goal and that is destruction. He comes only to kill, steal and destroy everything good that God has in mind for us. Jesus said He came that we might have life and enjoy our lives. John 10:10

(Amplified Bible; 2006; scripture , commentaries, notes, Joyce Meyers; page 1700-1703)

A sheepfold had only one entrance. The shepherd would sleep in front of that entrance; making himself the door. He'd protect the sheep from wolves, wind, and storms. Jesus is our Shepherd protecting us from Satan. Thieves don't have a beneficent interest in the sheep. Many ministers are hirelings who don't care for the sheep. Other sheep refers to Gentile Christians, Jesus brings Jewish and Gentile Christians together into one fold. Nobody killed Jesus. He laid down His life Matt. 27:50

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Word For Today; Chuck Smith; page 45)

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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Psalm 1

1 How blessed is the one who does not follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand in the pathway with sinners,
or sit in the assembly of scoffers!

2 Instead he finds pleasure in obeying the LORD's commands;
he meditates on his commands day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by flowing streams;
it yields its fruit at the proper time,
and its leaves never fall off.
He succeeds in everything he attempts.

4 Not so with the wicked!
Instead they are like wind-driven chaff.

5 For this reason the wicked cannot withstand judgment,
nor can sinners join the assembly of the godly.

6 Certainly the LORD guards the way of the godly,
but the way of the wicked ends in destruction.