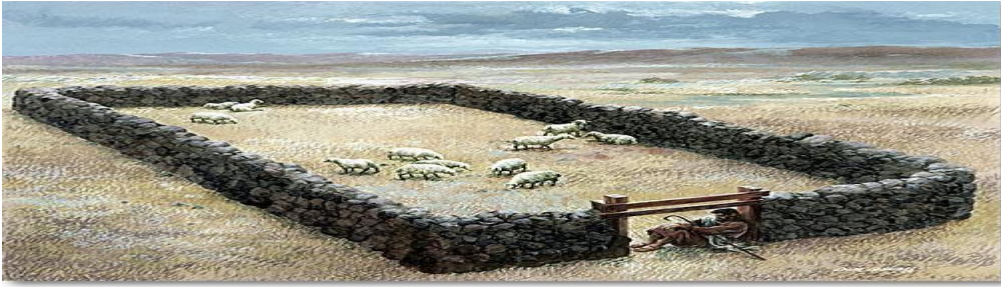


## STUDIES FROM THE WORD OF GOD



### M.A.T.U.R.E. CHRISTIAN LIVING: FOLLOWING CHRIST Part IV

“WHOSE VOICE ARE YOU LISTENING TO?”

John 10:1-10

I. **BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO HAS BLESSED US WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING REVEALED TO US THROUGH SCRIPTURE RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE SHEEP AND THE SHEPHERD (v 1-2)**

A. The **SHEEPFOLD** or sheep pen was built as a structure to protect the flock from the predators of the night:

B. **The Shepherd:** (M.A.T.U.R.E. Believers)

1. Responsible for the Guidance, Provision, and Protection of the Sheep (*Ezekiel 34:11-16; 1 Timothy 3:1-7*)

C. **The Sheep: The Flock** (God-fearers, New Believers, Immature Believers, and Antichrist)

1. Depend and Follow the Shepherd (*Matthew 16:24*). Some sheep get lost and go astray (*1 Peter 2:25*).

D. **The Thieves and Robbers** (The Predators of the night)

1. Savage Wolves (*Acts 20:29*); Roaring Lion (*1 Peter 5:8*);



Ravenous Wolves (*Matthew 7:15*)

**II. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD (v 3-6)**

**A. The Voice of the Lord is vital for life**

1. Never ever forget the power of God's spoken word: (*Genesis 1:3,6,9*) – *dabar*
2. Never ever forget the power of God's written word: (*Hebrews 4:12*) – *logos*
3. Never ever forget the power of God's present word: (*Matthew 4:4*) – *rhema*

**B. To HEAR the Voice of the Lord is Imperative: (*Romans 10:17*)**

1. Gk. *Akouo* – We are to listen carefully to the voice of the Lord! We are to give close attention to His word and obey what is being said to us!

**C. To KNOW the Voice of the Lord is Vital: (*Ephesian 4:30*)**

1. Gk. *Eido* – The Holy Spirit reveals His voice to us and we respond to His voice with obedience.
2. Gk. *Ginosko* – We Know Him when we begin to build an intimate relationship with Him through obedience to His Word

**III. CURSED ARE THOSE WHO LIVE IN DISOBEDIENCE (v 7-10)**

- A. LIFE AND DEATH IS SET BEFORE US TODAY (*Deut. 30:11-16*) FOR LIFE, THERE IS CHRIST – ETERNAL LIFE. TO DEATH, THERE IS EVIL – THE EVERLASTING FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DISOBEDIENT. (*Matthew 25:41*) It is crucial that God's sheep and shepherds be in obedience to the Lord's voice.**

- B. The Wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience (*Ephesians 5:6*)**

**THEREFORE, IF YOU DILIGENTLY LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT, GIVE EAR TO HIS WORD, AND KEEP TO ALL OF HIS WAYS, WE ARE PROMISED THAT THE LORD OUR GOD WILL SAVE US FROM HIS WRATH AND DELIVER US FROM SIN FOREVER!!!!**

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**Bible Study Questions:**

1. When facing difficult decisions, describe how Jesus reveals Himself as Shepherd and Door in your life? Find Scripture to support your answer.
2. What are some practical steps that you can take in order to ensure that you are being led by the voice of God?