

“My Voice” • John 10:1–29

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Intro • *What do you know about sheep farming? Any history? Have you ever read, “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23”? How are you like a sheep?*

Opening text • **Isaiah 55:10–11**

Discuss • *What does God compare His word to in Isaiah 55? And how does He describe its effectiveness?*

Context: **John 9:39–41.** *In John 10, Jesus and the Pharisees are still feuding over His healing of the Blind Man in John 9 (see 10:21).*

10:1–3 • Jesus introduces a new metaphor: He is the Shepherd and His disciples are the sheep, but the Pharisees, Priests, Rabbis, etc are the

robbers and predators endangering the sheep!

How to avoid the spiritual robbers and predators...

(1) TEST Everything (1 Thess 5:17-18)

(2) Look for the FRUIT, the LIFESTYLE & CHARACTER of any supposed “shepherd”

(3) Give it TIME (1 Cor 3:11–13)

Vs 3–6 • “MY VOICE” is the key to the whole passage.

They’ve learned to *hear* His voice

They’ve learned to *discern* His voice

He knows them by *name*

He *invites* them to follow

He *leads* them out

Vs 7–9 • Jesus is the DOOR of the Sheep

Vs 10 • The “thief” deceives (**2 Timothy 2:25–26**)

Vs 11–15 • Jesus is echoing **Ezekiel 34:1–31** | The shepherds of Israel have harmed the sheep, so God declares He will be their Shepherd.

Vs 16 • There are other sheep who will *hear His voice* (**Romans 10:17**)

Vs 17–24 • They corner Jesus and demanding—*Are You the Messiah?*

Vs 25 • But they won’t HEAR it! So, Jesus says, *You must judge me based on My works, not my words.*

Vs 26–29 • The immediate context is not *our* eternal security, but rather, the security of Jesus’ disciples, as they face the robbers & predators.

But there is a lesson of “Can you lose your salvation?” here...

→ Learn to hear the voice of your Good Shepherd, and He will hold you firm in His grace, truth, presence, power, etc., as you follow Him.

→ But, if you *have* drifted or are falling away—this is not the time to argue “once saved always saved,” but—*repent and return to Him!*

Discuss • *Where in the Bible do you find promises of “you’ll never lose your salvation!” and where do you find warnings of “don’t fall away!”?*

CLOSING • This is a NOISY world. How are you intentionally finding quiet to hear Jesus’ voice?

