



HEAR HIS VOICE

40 Days of Faith

40 Days in the Bible

- **Elijah had one meal that gave him strength for 40 days (1 Kings 19:8)**
- **Ezekiel bore the iniquity of Judah for 40 days (Ezekiel 4:6)**

Source: http://www.40day.com/40_in_the_bible.html and <http://www.ecclesia.org/truth/40.html>

**"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our
God, the Lord is one!"**

Deuteronomy 6:4

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yisra-eil, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

God's Calling of Samuel

Then the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "**Speak, for Your servant is listening.**" 1 Samuel 3:10

And Peter said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet **God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean."**

Acts 10:28

For the **Lord gives wisdom**; from
His mouth come knowledge and
understanding
Proverbs 2:6

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10

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SHEPHERDS IN THE BIBLE

Many of the great men of the Old Testament were shepherds (Adam, Abel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Amos). As national leaders, Moses and David were both "shepherds" over Israel.

David wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd"
Psalm 23:1

SHEPHERDS VS. THIEVES

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep." John 10:1-2

**FOLD
OF
THE
SHEEP**



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MORNING ACTIVITY

“To him the doorkeeper opens, and **the sheep hear his voice**, and he calls his own sheep **by name** and leads them out.” John 10:3

Hear = Greek ἀκούω *akouo*, meaning to comprehend or understand

People come to God because He **calls** them (Romans 8:28, 30).

The proper response to His call is to **follow** Him (John 1:43; 8:12; 12:26; 21:19, 22).

12 CHARACTERISTICS OF SHEEP

1. Sheep are foolish
2. Sheep are slow to learn
3. Sheep are unattractive
4. Sheep are demanding
5. Sheep are stubborn
6. Sheep are strong
7. Sheep are straying
8. Sheep are unpredictable
9. Sheep are copycats
10. Sheep are restless
11. Sheep are dependent
12. Sheep are the same
everywhere

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SHEMA HEAR

“When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because **they know his voice**. A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” John 10:4-5

- Am I **following** the voice I should follow?
- Am I **fleeing** the voices I should flee?

SHEMA HEAR

This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them." John 10:6-8

"I am **the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."
John 10:9**



“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” John 10:9

1. He will be saved Greek term σῶζω sōzō means to be delivered or preserved safe from danger, but also to be made whole

2. He will go in and out

- **Psalm 121:7-8** speaks of **security and protection**. Those in Christ will be safe from thieves and robbers.
- **Jeremiah 37:4** speaks of **freedom**.
- **John 8** teaches us that we are free from the slavery of sin.
- **1 Kings 3:7** speaks to having **spiritual maturity**. When we enter into a relationship with Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit who guides us into truth, discernment, and spiritual maturity.
- **Isaiah 55:11-12** speaks of going out in joy and being led forth with peace.

3. He will find pasture Both **Psalm 23:2** and **Psalm 100:3** emphasize that the Shepherd makes us to lie down in green pastures and they are His pastures which sustain spiritual health and growth.

<http://www.entrustingfaithfulmen.com/?p=91>

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THE THIEF

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy” John 10:10a

- **The enemy of God is the enemy of God’s people**
To **“steal”** our hearts and affections from Jesus
To **“kill”** us spiritually by preventing us from hearing the gospel
To attempt to **“destroy”** us if we give our lives to Jesus
- **Recognize that we live in a time and place of spiritual warfare**
- **We must hide behind the “shield of faith” (Ephesians 6:16)**

THE SHEPHERD GIVES LIFE

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10b

Abundant life in Jesus describes life on earth and life in heaven. Abundant life is **life without death or fear of death. Eternal life can begin **NOW**.**

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life **for the sheep.” John 10:11**

In the Old Testament, God is repeatedly called the Shepherd of His people

Psalm 23:1

Psalm 80:1–2

Ecclesiastes 12:11

Isaiah 40:11

Jeremiah 31:10

NIGHTTIME ACTIVITY

“He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.” John 10:12-13

“Many shepherds have ruined My vineyard, they have trampled down My field; they have made My pleasant field a desolate wilderness.” Jeremiah 12:10

RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIP AND INTIMACY

“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.” John 10:14-15

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

“I have other sheep (Gentiles), which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.” John 10:16

Although there are different folds there is only one flock, as there is only one Shepherd. This statement witnesses to the variety within the community of God’s people, yet its essential unity in Christ Himself. – New Bible Commentary

“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.” John 10:17-18

- The sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross was **voluntary**
- Jesus heard the voice of the Father to be the sacrificial Lamb
- We are to hear the voice of Jesus to receive new life

WHO IS THIS JESUS?

A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?" Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?" John 10:19-21

SHEMA HEAR

At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem John 10:22



Hanukkah or the Feast of Lights commemorates the reconsecration of the Jewish Temple by Judas Maccabeus in 165 BC after its desecration in 168 BC by Antiochus IV (Epiphanes). The time for the eight-day feast was in December. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. John 10:23



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PORTICO (PORCH) OF SOLOMON



WHO ARE YOU?

The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ (Messiah), tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep." John 10:24-26

A RESPONSIVE FLOCK

**“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me”
John 10:27**



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“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.” John 10:28-29**

Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, **has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.” John 5:24**

Apostle Paul wrote, “For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23**

The security of the sheep is found in **the ability of the Shepherd to defend and preserve His flock. Such security does not depend on the **ability of the frail sheep**. – Bible Knowledge Commentary**

"I and the Father are one." John 10:30

One in nature and essence and perfection and power

- Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible

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Ask today...

**Can I hear the voice of Jesus?
Am I one of His sheep?**

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Baruch sheim k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed.

Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.