

Verse 3: “The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his **voice**. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

Verse 4: “When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his **voice**.”

Verse 5: “But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s **voice.**”

Verse 16: “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my **voice**, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”

Verse 27: “My sheep listen to my **voice**; I know them, and they follow me.”

1. The sheep **belong** to the shepherd.
2. The sheep **listen** to the shepherd's voice.
3. The sheep **follow** the shepherd.

Jesus' words enable us to:

1. Belong to Him.

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you **hold to my teaching**, you are really **my disciples**.’”

-John 8:31

Jesus' words enable us to:

## 2. Recognize/Hear Him.

“Why is **my language** not clear to you? Because you are unable **to hear** what I say”. – John 8:43

“Whoever belongs to God **hears** what **God says**. The reason you do not **hear** is that you do not belong to God.” – John 8:47

Jesus' words enable us to:

3. Receive Life from Him.

Very truly I tell you, whoever **obeys my word** will **never see death.**” - John 8:51

The shepherd:

1. Belong to Him.

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- John 10:3-4

The shepherd:

2. Know His voice/hear Him.

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# The Shepherd:

## 3. Receive Life from Him.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

- John 10:10

“Therefore Jesus said again, ‘Very truly I tell you, **I am the gate for the sheep**. All who have come before me are **thieves and robbers**, but the sheep have not listened to them.’”

- John 10:7-8

“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

- John 10:9-10

“I am the good shepherd. The **good shepherd lays down his life** for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”

- John 10:11-13

“But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, **I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep** from its mouth. When it turned on me, **I seized it** by its hair, **struck it and killed it.**’”

- 1 Samuel 17:34-35

## Ezekiel 34:2-16

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured.’”

“You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.”

“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock,

therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them.”

“ ‘For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.”

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“In the past, God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”

- Acts 17:30

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

- Matthew 7:13-14

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