



E X A A L T E E D

C H A R I S T

**SEE HIM HIGHER SO**

**THAT YOU LIVE HIGHER**

# The Good Shepherd's Voice

<sup>1</sup>“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>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. **<sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.**”  
<sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

John 10:1-11, 27 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.** <sup>11</sup>**“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. . .** <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:1-11, 27 (NIV)



<sup>10</sup>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 (NIV)

The Shepherd's Voice is Safe  
Satan's Voice is Dangerous



# The Shepherd's Voice Is Personal

<sup>3</sup>“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...** <sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; **I know my sheep and my sheep know me...** <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; **I know them**, and they follow me.”

John 10:3, 14, 27 (NIV)

Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breastpiece of decision as a continuing memorial before the Lord. - *Exodus 28:29*



# The Shepherd's Voice Is Personal

<sup>14</sup> I **rejoice** in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. <sup>15</sup> I **meditate** on your precepts and consider your ways. <sup>16</sup> I **delight** in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalm 119:14-16 (NIV)

# The Shepherd's Voice Is Directional

<sup>3</sup>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.** <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, **he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.** <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”

John 10:3-5 (NIV)

# The Shepherd's Voice Is Directional

“Humans excel at selectively listening to a target speaker when there are a lot of background noises, such as many competing voices.” - *Dr. Tobias Reichenbach, Neuroscientist*

# The Shepherd's Voice Is Directional

Selective listening – **recognizing** and **separating** God's voice from competing voices:

1. What Bible verse do I have that is guiding me in this decision?
2. Who am I listening to in my life regarding this decision?

# The Shepherd's Voice Is Directional

<sup>23</sup>The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. <sup>24</sup>Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.

Psalm 37:23-24 (NLT)

