



Daily Devotional

Note for 20251010 - John 10v10 - Who Am I?

1. Opening

We are to receive the Word of GOD by the Spirit, so I strongly urge you to pray before you receive the Devotional. Let Christ take the lead in your Spiritual Development.

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Introduction

Once more, today's note is anchored by the Verse of the Day, and while the Verse of the Day only gives in part, it still speaks a full truth. I know, it sounds like I speak against myself, but both statements are true at once. The verse can stand on its own and is inspiring and brings comfort, but there are identifiers in the verse that give a hint there is more.

2. Scripture Text

John 10:9-16 KJV

[9] I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. [10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. [11] I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. [12] But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. [13] The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. [14] I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. [15] As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. [16] And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.10.9-16.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

Who is the thief? Who are the "they" that might have life? One can even look at what is life in abundance, for we know that the things of this world are not to be loved. You know, you cannot love both GOD and Mammon.

Short answers:

The thief is Satan, the devil, that old serpent; with all his angels who are destined for the fire.

(see **Matthew 25:41**)

The "they" are those who believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Begotten Son, who will not perish.

(see **John 3:16**)

Life in abundance is life everlasting (in Jesus Christ) (see **John 3:16**)

Now, everyone that wants just the bottom line may be satisfied. But just like the verse of the day needs the rest of the section to bring a fuller view, so must we ask, "Who am I?" in this context?

You see, if we are going to quote in short, we really should give at least some context. Let's look at two instances in the Word that might bring some more to consider.

Matthew 25:34, 41 KJV

[34] Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

[41] Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

<https://bible.com/bible/1/mat.25.34-41.KJV>

That brings some perspective doesn't it? And when we remember John 3:16 that speaks of who may have life in abundance, we must also look at the counter balance on the scale, which shows us a condemned world.

John 3:18 KJV

[18] He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/jhn.3.18.KJV>

Now we have a "little more" context. To the question, "Who am I?" consider, are you of those on the right or on the left? Are you not condemned, or are you condemned already? Am I offensive? I suppose because of the short form answers, I am. But why am I offensive? Or, to put it more fairly, why am I intentionally offensive? You see, I am asking the questions which should be asked in oneself. I am speaking out of a quiet and secret place. Now, to qualify these questions and answers we need even more information, don't we? You see, if we could face the truth, we would have our answer already, the rest will just confirm it, one way or the other. And this is where a fundamental flaw in the fallen state of man comes in, because we justify ourselves. For comfort, we pacify ourselves to prevent ourselves from standing in that Spiritual Mirror, because we do not want to see the true reflection. No! We would much rather give our own answers that give us a false security in believing a lie that we are okay. We are not that bad, right? We do the best we can. Is that even true?

For scripture of the day I did expand for you from the scripture. Jesus, the Word of GOD made flesh, the Only Begotten Son of GOD is the Good Shepherd. His sheep knows His voice. Those on the Right Hand of the King in **Matthew 25**, who believes in Him according to **John 3:16** and is not condemned according to **John 3:18** and **Romans 8**. The sheep from the flock of GOD.

Who then are the wolves and the hirelings? You see, there is always more. By now I am sure you are starting to see how crucial it is to expand on the text. I am sure some of you, at least, might relate to the question, "when Christ returns will I know Him?" Or, more correctly, will He know me to open the door? (Who is the door according to today's scripture, and what is shared in the beginning verses of **Matthew 25**?) from the 10 virgins, am I a wise virgin or a foolish one? Of the flocks, am I a sheep or a goat? Am I wheat or tare? Am I condemned already, or not condemned at all? Not condemned, not by what I have done, but by what Jesus Christ did, in whom I believe. Then, **Romans 8:1** is true for me, but do I walk after the Spirit or the flesh, mentioned there?

Thinking you belong to His flock without "walking after the Spirit, not the flesh" is about as insane as to think you are married to a celebrity because you read an article, heard a song or saw a movie of them. How can we see the truth of my statement of the celebrity, but not about Christ? You see, we have to ask the question, "who am I," before we can accept who Jesus Christ is. Only when we can accept that we are sinners, can we look to Christ for salvation. And the lie is carried in us when we deny Him. Then we try to replace Him with our own justifications, cutting us off from the justification we have in Him, by what He has done willingly for us upon the Cross at Calvary.

4. Verse of the Day

From the YouVersion Bible App

John 10:10 KJV

[10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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Note on the Verse:

Part of today's note

5. Closing Paragraph

So, what is the answer in your secret self to: "Who am I?" Can I hear the truth or am I sold out to the lies this world installs? Oh, and what about this, am I carrying the fruit He comes to harvest?

If Christ is the Word of GOD made flesh (**John 1:14**) how would you come to know Him and to become a "good wife?"

Selah, Shalom

P.S. I am nudged to give a short answer for those who are reluctant to hear: Read the Word of GOD and call out to the Name of GOD. Seek his face and you will find Him. GOD is a Spirit, remember. Shalom

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