



## The Gospel of John

*Chapters 9 and 10*

- \* **John 8**—Christ as the Light exposes the darkness.  
**John 9**—Christ gives sight to one in darkness.
- \* **John 8**—The Light is despised and rejected.  
**John 9**—The Light is received and worshipped.
- \* **John 8**—Jews stoop to pick up stones to kill the Light.  
**John 9**—Christ stoops to make clay to bring the light.
- \* **John 8**—Jesus hides Himself from the Jews.  
**John 9**—He reveals Himself to the blind man.
- \* **John 8**—The Jews reject His word.  
**John 9**—The blind man obeys His word.
- \* **John 8**—Christ is called a demonic.  
**John 9**—Christ is worshipped as Lord.

## God's Name

- **EX. 3:13**—"The Moses said to God, 'Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is his name?' What shall I say to them?'"
- **EX. 3:14**—God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**"; "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**I AM**' has sent me to you.'" "

## Almsgiving

**Deut. 15:8**—"...you shall freely open your hand to him (the poor man) and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks."

## Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

**Ex. 4:11**—"The LORD said to him (Moses) 'Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I the LORD'?"

**Psalms 139:13-15**—"For You formed me in my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**; wonderful are Your works and my soul knows it very well."

"Extraordinary afflictions are not always the punishment of extraordinary sins—but sometimes the trial of extraordinary graces"

**Matthew Henry**

## The Works of God

- **Jn. 9:3**—"...that the works of God might be displayed in him."
- **Jn. 9:4,5**—"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no man can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world."

## Redeem the Time

- **Eph. 5:15,16**—"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, **making the most of your time** cause the days are evil."

## Why Did Jesus Heal in This Manner?

- To test the man's obedience.
- To stir up controversy.
- To excite expectation in the blind man.
- To demonstrate that Jesus heals, and can work through any means.
- To prevent him from identifying Jesus to the Pharisees.
- "God often works by contraries..."

## Messiah will Come and Cause the Blind to See.

- **Isa. 29:18**—"On that day the deaf will hear words of the book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see."
- **Isa. 35:5**—"Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped."
- **Isa. 42:7**—"To open the eyes that are blind..."
- **Psa. 146:8**—"The Lord opens the eyes of the blind."

## Progression of Faith

- **9:11**—A man
- **9:17**—A prophet
- **9:30-33**—A man from God
- **9:36**—Lord (sir)
- **9:35, 38**—Lord (God); Son of Man (Messiah)



## Son of Man

**Dan. 7:13-14**—"I was watching in the night vision, and behold, **One like the Son of Man**, coming with the clouds of Heaven! He came to the ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."



- **The Good Shepherd**—Jesus
- **The sheep**—Jewish believers; all those who come to Jesus for salvation.
- **The Sheepfold**—The Jewish Nation.
- **The other sheep not of this fold**—Gentile believers.
- **The Flock**—All the saved. Gentile and Jew.
- **Thieves & robbers**—Evil leaders; False prophet; those to whom He's addressing.
- **The door**—Jesus
- **The hireling**—more interested in self, not their sheep.
- **The wolf**—Evil people intent on destruction; **Matt. 7:15 refers to the wolf as a false prophet.**

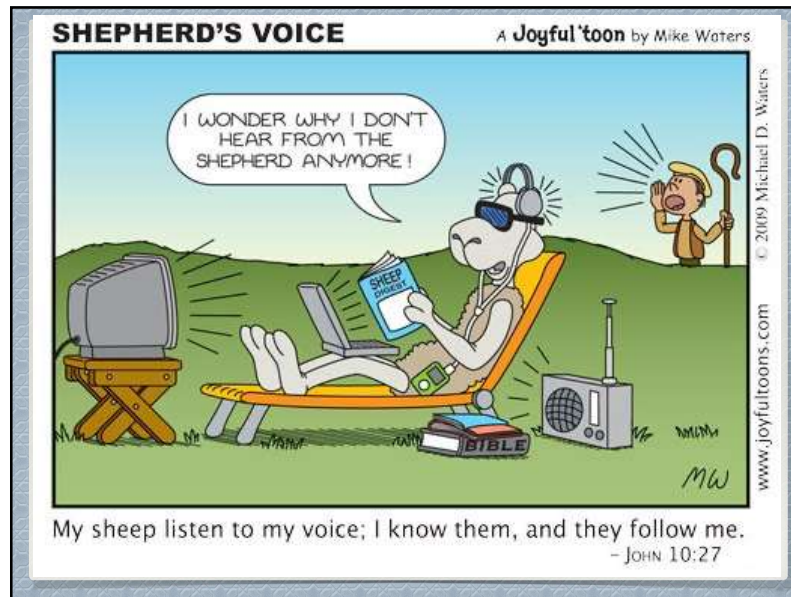


## Prophecy of the Coming Messiah; The Good Shepherd

**Isa. 40:11**—"Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will **gather the lambs**, and **carry them** in His bosom; He will **gently lead** the nursing ewes."

**Ezek. 34:23**—"I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David, and He will **feed them**; He will feed them Himself and be their shepherd."





## A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

"Ordination is no proof whatever that a man is fit to show others the way to heaven. He may have been set apart by those who have authority to call ministers, and yet his life may never have come near 'The Door.' And at last may die nothing better than a 'thief and a robber...'"

**J.C. Ryle**



## "I Am" Statements in the Gospel of John

1. "I am the bread of life." (Jn. 6:35, 41, 48, 51)
2. "I am the light of the world." (Jn. 8:12; 9:5)
3. "I am the door." (Jn. 10:7, 9)
4. "I am The Good Shepherd." (Jn. 10:11, 14)
5. "I am the resurrection and the life." (Jn. 11:25)
6. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (Jn. 14:6)
7. "I am the true vine." (Jn. 15:1,5)

## Characteristics of Jesus' Sheep

Vs. 27—**Responsiveness**—They hear His voice.

Vs. 27—**Relationship**—He knows them.

Vs. 27—**Obedience**—They follow Jesus.

Vs. 28—**Eternal Life**—He gives to them.

Vs. 28—**Assurance**—They will never perish.

Vs. 28—**Security**—No one will snatch them from Him.