

Overcoming the Thief: Living the Abundant Life

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Key Verse: John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 9: Jesus Heals the Blind Man

Do you believe in the Son of Man?

Who is Jesus?

- Man healed- a Prophet
- Parents-I don't know
- Pharisees- sinner, imposter, from the devil
- Jesus- Son of Man- Man healed believed & worships!

Who is the Thief?

1. Those religious & political leaders who exploit the sheep for their own benefit.
2. Those who claim an alternative way to enter the sheep pen - safety, salvation, heaven.
3. Those who deny Jesus is the Son of God and offer anything else "instead of him" - spirit of antichrist.
4. Those who claim to "See" who are really blind - To be healed by Jesus and free of guilt, we must admit we need revelation, we need healing, we need to see.

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Believe and Worship

- Jesus is Great Shepherd - Only Owner of Sheep
- Jesus is the Gate - Only way into Sheep Pen
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd - Only one that leads to green pastures (Blessings - Abundance)

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Know and Listen to His Voice

- Know = Distinguish between:
 - The Voice of the Thief
 - The Voice of the Shepherd
- Listen = Respond to OR Follow
 - Jesus is our leader - authority and abundance
 - Jesus is to whom we are loyal
 - Jesus is our protector - He lays down his life for the sheep

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Run away from:

- Politicians
- False Teachers - Preachers
- The spirit of antichrist
- Ideologies that are not consistent with Jesus' teachings
- Micro-realities that take us away from Jesus

Romans 12:12