

Understanding the Redeemer

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.” **John 10:1 NKJV**

“All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.” **John 10:8 NKJV**

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” **John 10:10 NKJV**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **Psalms 103:2-5 NKJV**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. **Psalms 103:8 NKJV**

“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” **John 10:9 NKJV**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” **John 10:11 NKJV**

The good shepherd laying down his life is the door.

“I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,” **Revelation 1:9-10 NKJV**

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” **Revelation 3:20-21 NKJV**

To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. **John 10:3-5 NKJV**

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” **Revelation 4:1 NKJV**

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, **Hebrews 10:19-20 NKJV**

The cross became the door. I saw a door open. He was called to come up here. That means when He went to the cross. The cross became the door to take to the throne. Thieves, robbers, killers, and destroyer are those work with the law of Moses, and they are called the rulers of the synagogue.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me.” **Matthew 16:24 NKJV**

Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” **John 12:30-32 NKJV**

Jesus takes the cross and dies, then the rulers will be judged.

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man

except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one." **I Corinthians 2:9-15 NKJV**

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **I Corinthians 2:7-8 NKJV**

It was the Jewish leaders who demanded that Jesus be out to death. The Roman's carried it out. Who said crucify Him and gave Him over, protected the tomb that no one would discover He has risen. Who spread the news they had stolen His body. The rulers were Pharisees, Scribes, and Sanhedrin.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV**

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. **Hebrews 4:13 NKJV**

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. **I John 3:20-21 NKJV**

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. "Woe to you,

scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.” **Matthew 23:13-15 NKJV**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.” **Matthew 23:23 NKJV**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.” **Matthew 23:25 NKJV**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.” **Matthew 23:27 NKJV**