

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD I AM THE WORD AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE HE GAVE TO US THAT ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM FOR HE CAME TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM AND WITHOUT HIM NOTHING CAME TO BE

The Gospel of John

PART 18

John 10—The Security of The Sheep











JOHN 10:1-15

1 Very truly I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 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. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 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 10:1-15

7 I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

JOHN 10:1-15

13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

JOHN 10: 27-29

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Theologically, in the extreme
BACKSLIDING*
and
ETERNAL SECURITY
are polar opposites.

**backsliding:*

To fall away from Jesus into a life of sin, voiding your salvation.



Christian living
is not walking
a tightrope
over the fires
of hell without
a safety net.

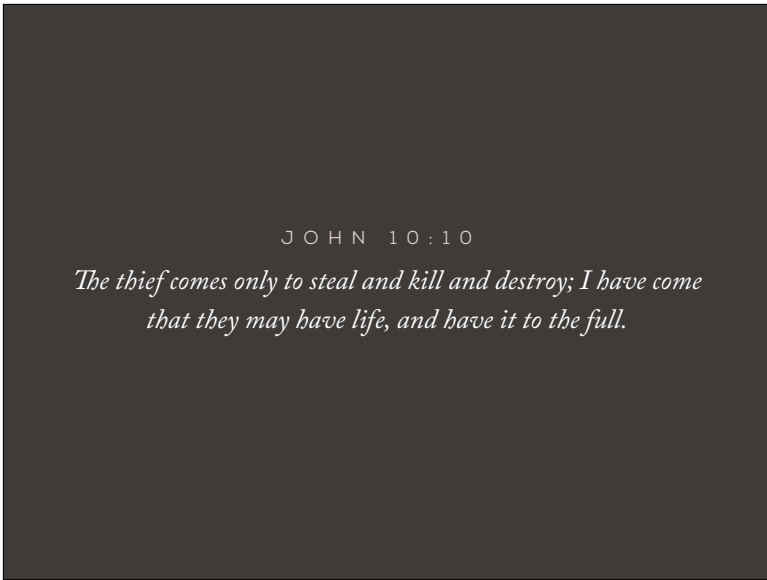
*It is sitting safe and
secure in the Good
Shepherd's care!*



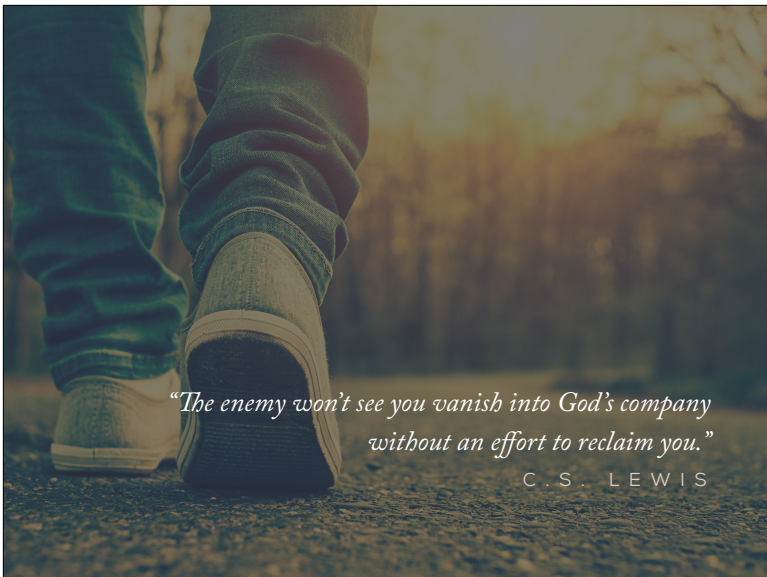
*a JUDEAN SHEPHERD
was never off duty. He was
constantly vigilant, fearlessly
protective and patiently
loving with his flock.*



as my
GOOD SHEPHERD
*Jesus is never off duty. He is
constantly vigilant, fearlessly
protective and patiently loving.*



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



*"The enemy won't see you vanish into God's company
without an effort to reclaim you."*
C. S. LEWIS



the
PROBLEM

Out of
ignorance, indifference or disbelief
most of Satan's victims
fiddle while he goes about his
evil work undetected.

BARNA SURVEY

“Satan is not a living being but only a symbol of evil.”

32%

of believers **agreed strongly,**

11%

agreed somewhat and

5%

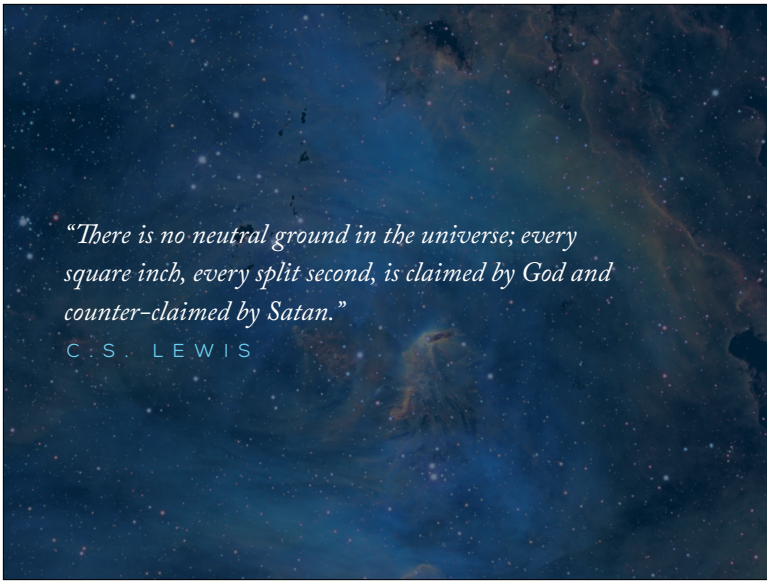
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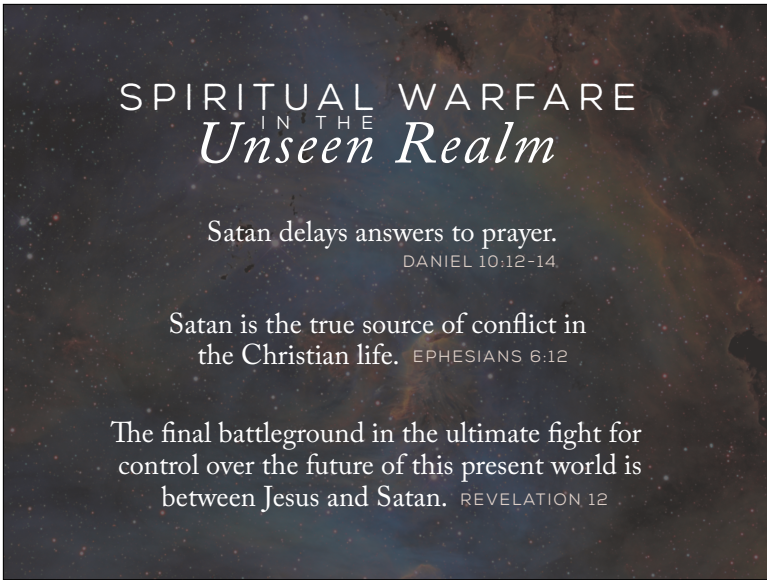
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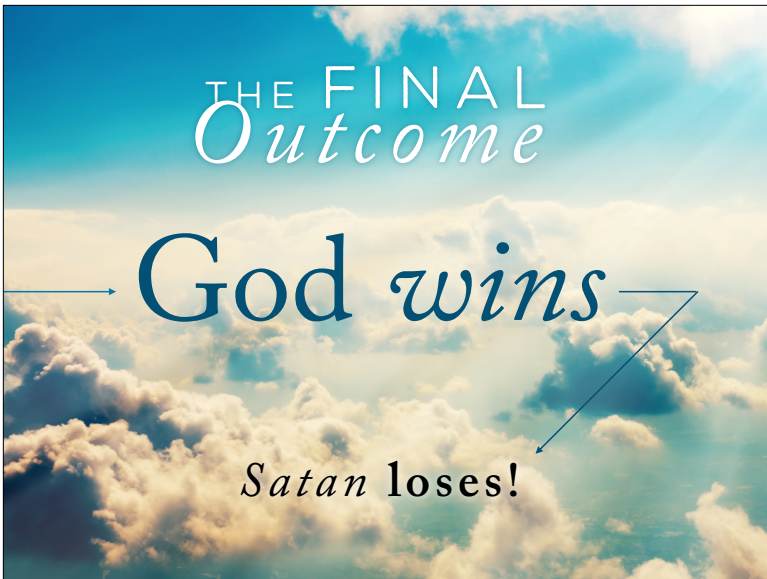
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HEBREWS 2:14

“The reason the Son of God came was that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.”







LUKE 10:17-19

“The seventy-two returned with joy and said, ‘Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.’ Jesus replied, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I’ve given you authority to...overcome all the power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you.’”

THE BATTLE
FOR
My Salvation

Q: Once I’ve committed my life to Christ, can I ever lose my salvation?

JOHN 10:28

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

JOHN 10:29

*“My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all;
no one can snatch them out of his hand.”*

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SALVATION FROM
THE GRIP OF

*God's
unrelenting
grace?*



PHILIPPIANS 1:6

*“And I am certain that God, who began the good work
within you, will continue his work until it is finally
finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”*

J U D E 1 : 2 4

“Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.”

Father, Son and Holy Spirit are at work right now to perfect what they've begun in me, *and will exert the full power of their Divine Being to bring my eternal life to completion.*

I JOHN 5:11-13

“THIS IS WHAT GOD HAS TESTIFIED: HE HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. SO WHOEVER HAS GOD'S SON HAS LIFE; WHOEVER DOES NOT HAVE HIS SON DOES NOT HAVE LIFE. I WRITE THIS TO YOU WHO BELIEVE IN THE SON OF GOD, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

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