



# “The Stranger’s Voice”

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## I. **John 10:1-5**

### A. The powerful word “Know”

1. **John 10:27** “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”
2. How does God know us? Answer: We know His voice and follow Him! (This is what separates a *believer* from a Christian....or better said, the chosen from the called....sons and daughters).
3. “They know not the voice of strangers...”
  - Who is the stranger? Answer: Satan
  - How do I identify his voice? Answer: Anything that contradicts the voice of God’s Written Word!

### B. The Shepherd and His Sheep

1. **John 10:11, vs. 14**
  - Jesus is the GOOD Shepherd (God is good all the time).
  - Jesus knows me and I know Him.
2. **Psalm 23:1-4**
  - Our provision, our protection, our peace, joy, and health depends upon staying close to the Shepherd.
  - This is a true statement: We have become accustomed to the stranger’s voice; we know it better than we know God’s!

## II. How to recognize the Stranger’s Voice

### A. **Deception by Imitation (Satan’s greatest weapon)**

1. Jesus said in **Mark 13:22** that false Christs and prophets would rise, and could possibly deceive even the elect.
2. **II Corinthians 11:14** “Satan transforms himself into an angel of light.”
3. Satan imitates God’s voice (through circumstances and people), and Christians have been listening and obeying the wrong voice!
  - IF God used circumstances (roadblocks) to speak to us, then how would we know what was from God or Satan? (mission trip story, winds and waves that Jesus rebuked, friends who climbed on the roof).
  - We have even prayed in error, “Lord close the door that needs to be closed and open the right one.” We should pray, “Reveal to me....What do you need me to know and What do you need me to do?”).
  - People can certainly be used by God to speak to us, but remember, Satan is also aware of this (Peter rebuking Jesus).

### B. **Deception by Emotion/Five Senses or Feelings (The Spirit of Jezebel)**

1. **Revelation 2:20**

2. Jezebel in the O.T. was manipulative by controlling people and circumstances; this spirit's objective is to hinder anyone that carries the spirit of Elijah (***1 Kings 19:1-3***) – ***take heed to what you hear / Matthew 14:6-8***
  3. *If something is playing on your emotions, it is not God's voice.*
  4. *If something is bringing confusion, it is not God's voice.*
  5. *If something is causing you harm or pain, it is not God's voice in your life!*
- C. What to say to the stranger's voice
1. ***It is Written...***
  2. ***Get Behind Me Satan!***