

# Theme: Safe In God's Hand.

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*"The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." Again the Jews picked up stones to stone Him, But Jesus said to them, I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me? We are not stoning You for an of these, replied the Jews, but for blasphemy, because You, a mere man, claim to be God."*

Have you ever cursed - that is asked God to wish evil upon someone or something?

Have you ever asked God to send something or someone to hell?

Each time you wished someone or something to hell did you connect it with the Name "God"?

In the Old Testament, God gave the command that those who cursed that is blasphemed the Name of the Lord God was to be stoned to death.

It sounds cruel, but this was the Law of God. This was the Word of the Lord.

Imagine if every time that someone in America used God's Name in a curse upon someone or something, that such a person was stoned to death?

How many of us would have needed to have been stoned years ago?

Fortunately we no longer live in the Old Testament. Yet, The NAME of GOD is still HOLY.

John chapter 10 is known as the GOOD SHEPHERD chapter.

What a beautiful and comforting picture of Jesus, Who holds us, His Sheep in His hand, in His arms.

Jesus Who Says:

**John 10:11 – "I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the Sheep."**

Is the same Lord and God Who is spoken of in Psalm 23:1 – ***The Lord is My Shepherd.***

From this we learn that Jesus is Lord. Jesus Is God.

Jesus reaffirms that He is God, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit when He says: **Vs. 30 - I and the Father are one."**

As Jesus is saying this to those Jews who had gathered around Him, Jesus is making it plain and clear WHO HE IS.

It is because Jesus makes Himself equal with God the Father that the Jews blame and accuse Jesus of taking God's Name in Vain.

They accuse Jesus of Blasphemy.

- Βλασφημίασ - BAG pg. 142 – 143 – Injure the reputation of, defame, revile, all abusive speech, slanderous.

They are accusing Jesus of slandering the Name of God. The Jews were saying that Jesus was injuring the reputation of God by HIS claim to be God. Yet Jesus IS GOD.

By speaking clearly to these Jews, Jesus is calling them to repentance, and to believe in Him as their One and Only Savior, as the Messiah promised from of old.

The miracles that Jesus did demonstrated that He was and is God the Messiah, the Anointed One.

Jesus gives Eternal Life to His Sheep. Heaven where there is no more sin or death or pain or sorrow, and we can look forward to those new glorified bodies.

Jesus also gives us the comforting message that No One can snatch or forcefully take His sheep out of His hand. What a comfort that is to know that Jesus, Who is God, has you in His Hand. Not even Satan can forcefully pull you from the hand of Jesus. - ἀρπαζω - BAG pg. 109 – Snatch, seize, steal, drag away forcefully, take by force.

Someone might ask, “How is it that some people seem to fall away from Jesus?”

What has happened is that they have been enticed and tricked, and deceived just as Adam and Eve were deceived in the Garden of Eden, and even as they are deceived, they JUMPED out of the protecting hand of Jesus.

My friends in Christ, do not be deceived by all the falsehoods in the World.

Do not JUMP out of Christ’s protecting hand.

Stay in the Word of our Lord Jesus as revealed in the Holy Bible. **AMEN**