

Text: **John 10**

Title: **“Therefore My Father loves Me”. John 10:17**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Love between God the Father and the Lord Jesus

- a) It existed
- b) It is exemplary
- c) It is exceptional

2. A study of this magnificent love

- a) It is worthwhile
- b) It is worthy of great attention

THE LORD JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸ All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰ 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 10:7-10

1. I am the Door of the sheep (John 10:7, 9)

a) Others were Thieves

b) Or Robbers (John 10:8)

2. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11, 14)

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:11-16

a) He is not a hireling

The hireling flees in the face of danger (John 10:12-13)

b) The Good Shepherd

i) He gives His life for the sheep (John 10:11)

ii) I know My sheep and am known by My own (John 10:14)

iii) I lay down My life for the sheep (John 10:15b)

THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR THE LORD JESUS DECLARED

1. This cannot be denied
2. The Father's Closeness of Relationship is distinctive
3. A significant statement about God's Love for the Lord Jesus

"Therefore My Father loves Me,

Because I lay down My life that I may take it again" John 14:17

- a) The love of the Father is declared
- b) There were many reasons for this Love
 - i) The Lord Jesus was willing to be the Door of the sheep
 - ii) He is the Good Shepherd who will lay down His life for the sheep
 - iii) He will tirelessly do all that is required of a good shepherd

A PROFOUND LOVE

1. Another significant statement about God's love for the Lord Jesus

"For the Father loves the Son". John 5:20a

2. A Deep Relationship

¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

John 5:18-23

a) The actions of the Son

- i) The Son does nothing of Himself
- ii) He sees what the Father is doing and He emulates John 5:20
- iii) As I hear, I judge John 5:30

b) The actions of the Father

- i) He loves the Son (John 5:20a)
- ii) He shows Him all things that He Himself does (John 5:20b)
- iii) He will show Him greater works (John 5:20c)
- iv) The Father has committed all judgment to the Son (John 5:22)
- v) He has given Him authority to execute judgment (John 5:27)

c) The Closeness between the Father and the Son

- i) They share deeply
- ii) They are in one accord
- iii) There is deep mutual love

CONCLUSION

1. Appreciate God's love afresh
2. Cultivate a great love for the Lord Jesus and God the Father
3. Be challenged to emulate the Lord Jesus and the way He ordered His life