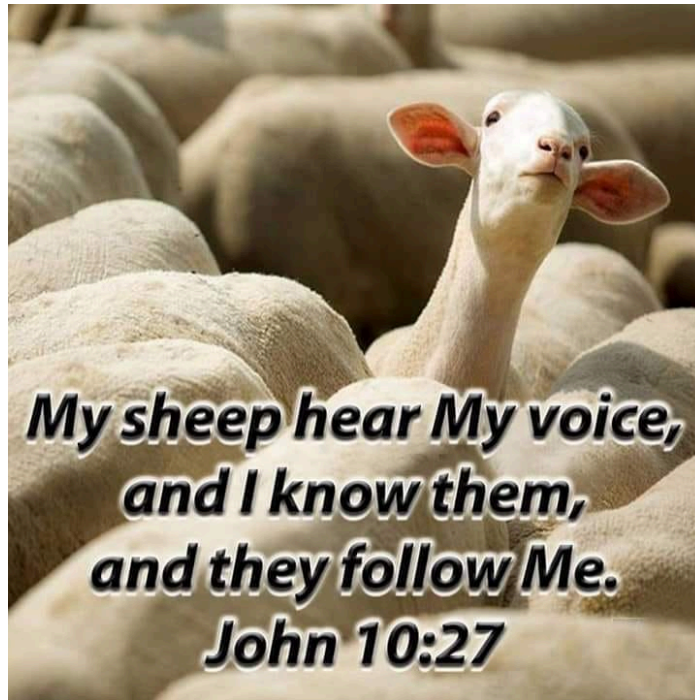


NO MAN CAN SNATCH THEM AWAY FROM THE FATHER'S HAND

John 10:27-29 (written in red) *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and **no one** shall snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given {them} to Me, is greater than all; and **no one** is able to snatch {them} out of the Father's hand."* (NAS)



The KJV translates this verse better using the word "man" instead of "no one". This passage doesn't say that it is impossible for a sheep to stray and lose his place in the fold. It says that the Father and the Son are stronger than no "one", who might attempt to tear them from the hands of the shepherd. One of the key words here is no "Man" (no one), can snatch a true Believer from Adonai; Satan is not a man, he is capable of deceiving people and getting them to abandon the truth if they don't continually mature in their walk. Satan doesn't play by the rules. It doesn't say that the sheep can't go off on their own and get in trouble. They have a free will to do as they please. This verse can't be used to create doctrine as it has been used for in some cases. Yeshua was speaking to a group of unbelievers here. People, "as dogs sometimes return to their vomit", return to a sinful life of disobedience because of their own lustful desires. We can relate this passage to a similar one in **James 1:13-15** *"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by Yahveh"; for Yahveh cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But **each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.** Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth **death.**"* James was writing to spirit filled Believers of the assembly of the people. He was talking about the "second death" as per Rev. 20:14-15. James meant that we are not to fear the one who can destroy the flesh of mankind, but not able to kill the soul, but fear the one who can destroy both in hell (Matt. 10:28).

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