

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them,

“If y’all were blind, then y’all would not have selfishness. But now y’all say, ‘We are seeing!’ Y’all’s selfishness remains.

<sup>10.1</sup> Amen, amen I say to y’all the one who is not entering the courtyard of the sheep through the door but climbs in another way is a thief and terrorist. <sup>2</sup> The one who is entering through the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The doorkeeper opens for this one and the sheep are listening to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all of his own, he journeys in front of them and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will never follow another but will flee from him because they do not know the voice of the others.”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said this metaphor to them, but they did not know what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> Therefore, Jesus said to them again,

“Amen, amen I say to you that I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All of those who came before me are thieves and terrorists, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters through me, then he will be saved. He will enter and go out and find what he needs. <sup>10</sup> The thief does not come except to steal, sacrifice-others, and destroy. I have come so they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the beautiful shepherd. The beautiful shepherd puts down his soul for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired person, who is not a shepherd and is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and flees. So the wolf seizes the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> Because he is hired, he does not care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the beautiful shepherd. I know those who are mine and they know me. <sup>15</sup> Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put down my soul for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep which are not from this courtyard. It is also necessary for me to lead these sheep. They will listen to my voice so there will be one flock with one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> Because of this the Father loves me because I put down my soul so I might receive it back again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it away from me, but I put it down on my own. I have the authority to put it down and I have the authority to receive it back again. This is the command I have received from my Father.”

<sup>19</sup> A schism happened again among the Judeans because of these words. <sup>20</sup> Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane! Why are you listening to him?!”

<sup>21</sup> Others were saying,

“These are not the words of a demon-possessed-person! A demon is not able to open the eyes of the blind!”

<sup>22</sup> Then the Dedications-Feast happened in Jerusalem. It was winter. <sup>23</sup> Jesus is walking in the temple in the covered area of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> Then the Judeans surrounded him and were saying to him,

“How long are you going to keep our souls in suspense? If you are the Christ, then tell us boldly.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus replied to them,

“I told y’all and y’all did not trust. The works I am practicing in the name of my Father are witnessing concerning me. <sup>26</sup> But y’all are not trusting because y’all are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep are listening to my voice and I know them and they are following me. <sup>28</sup> I give to them life eternal and they will not be destroyed into the age. No one will be able to seize them from my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father who gave them to me is greater than all. No one is able to seize from the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

<sup>31</sup> The Judeans took up stones again so they might stone him.

<sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them,

“I showed y’all many beautiful works from the Father. Because of which work of these are you stoning me?”

<sup>33</sup> The Judeans answered him,

“We are not going to stone you for a beautiful work, but for blasphemy because you, a man, are making yourself the Creator!”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them,

“Is it not written in y’all’s law, ‘I said y’all are creators’? <sup>35</sup> If he called those who received the Creator’s pattern, ‘creators,’ and the scripture is not able to be wrong, <sup>36</sup> then so the one the Father set apart and sent into the cosmos. Yet you yourselves are saying, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Creator’s Son.’ <sup>37</sup> If I do not practice the works of my Father, then do not trust me! <sup>38</sup> But if I practice them, then even if y’all do not trust me, trust the works so y’all might know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father!”

<sup>39</sup> Then they were seeking to capture him again. But he went away from their hands. <sup>40</sup> And Jesus again went across the Jordan River into the place where John was first baptizing and remained there. <sup>41</sup> Many came to him and were saying,

“John did not make a sign, but everything John said concerning this man was true!”

<sup>42</sup> And many there trusted in Jesus.