

# The Thief Cometh

John 10:10

*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. NKJV*

## Main Point

In this passage, Jesus contrasts Himself to a thief. That thief is Satan, and Jesus warns us of his motives.

## Multiple Contrasts Between Jesus & Satan

Jesus actually contrasted Himself against Satan several times to show us the great divide between them, and how we must always only choose one or the other, cf. John 14:30.

John 10:44

- Satan steals, kills, and destroys life, Jesus gifts abundant life both now and forever.

John 8

- v. 12, Jesus is light, Satan is darkness. We must follow the light, not darkness.
- vv. 12, 44, Jesus is life, Satan is a murderer.
- vv. 16-59, Jesus' Father is God, the Scribe's and Pharisee's father is Satan.
- v. 44, Jesus does the will of His Father, the Scribes and Pharisees do the lusts of Satan.
- vv. 44-45, Jesus speaks the truth, Satan is a liar.

## Guarding Against the Thief

Believers must not be casual in guarding the treasure they have in God. The thief Satan wants to kill our life and steal our joy. Jesus gives us good counsel in guarding against the Thief.

John 10

1. v. 1, 12, Stay in the fold that Jesus opens for our safety. Don't let Satan scatter us.
2. vv. 3-5, Stay in the Word of God so you can hear God's guiding and protecting words.
3. v. 11, Resist Satan's effort to steal the confidence you have that Christ died to save you.

James 4:7 - Resist the Devil and he will flee.

Matt. 24:43 - Stay alert and wary to the wiles of the Devil.

1 Peter 4:1 - Arm yourself against Satan by modeling Christ.

Eph. 6:10-18 - Daily suit up in the armor of God.

Philippians 2:5-11 - Let the mind of Christ be in you, always willing to humbly do God's will.

John 14:21-24 - Learn and follow the commandments of Christ.

John 14:17 - Let God's Spirit dwell with and in you and guide you into all truth.