

“I AM THE DOOR”
John 10:7-10
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INTRODUCTION

They didn’t get what Jesus was saying in 10:1-6. Therefore, Jesus speaks to them again. What He is about to say is **vitaly important**—so He begins with His characteristic words—“Truly, truly.”

Jesus states that He is the “Door of the Sheep. In the context, this has two ideas; the door **to the sheep**, and the **door for the sheep**.

ILLUS: The Arab shepherd who answered the question of the British traveler who noted that the sheep-fold he used had no door, and yet the shepherd had stated that inside there the sheep were perfectly safe: **I AM THE DOOR—no sheep or wolf can cross over there without going across my body!**

You have no right to bring others to God unless you have first come yourself through the door of salvation that God has provided in His Son—the One Door of the sheep.

Moreover, you cannot be one of His sheep unless you come through Him as the Door of salvation.

I. HE IS THE DOOR TO THE SHEEP

All shepherds must come through this door or they can have no access to the sheep.
Here Jesus shows us the Problems with the Wrong Leaders

A. Their Position: *Before Me*

In time, in place, in preference: Really part of the figure—if they come earlier than the Shepherd who comes early in the morning, they are there for no good reason.

B. Their Character—*thieves and robbers; cf. “hireling”—vv. 12-13*

C. Their Purpose—*steal, kill, destroy*

1. Take something not rightfully theirs
2. Eat the sheep for the satisfaction of their own needs—hunger.
3. Destroy the sheep for malicious purposes—maybe animosity toward the real Shepherd.

D. Their Rejection by the true Sheep—*sheep did not hear them*

II. HE IS THE DOOR FOR THE SHEEP

Here Jesus shows us the Privileges for Real Sheep.

- A. Exclusiveness of the Door—“*I AM*”; “*By Me*”
- B. Extensiveness of the Door—*Anyone*
- C. Eternality of the Door—
 - 1. “He Shall be Saved.”
Dealing with the entire issue of man’s sin problem.
 - 2. “That they might Have Life”
With John, being saved and having “life” are practically identical (3:16-17)
- D. Expansiveness of the Door—“*Go in and go out*”
- E. Exhaustiveness of the Door—*Find Pasture; Have Abundance*
Abundance of grace (cf. 1:16), joy, and peace, etc.
Cf. John 4:14—well of water springing to eternal life’
John 6:13—baskets of bread left over.
John 6:35—never hunger nor thirst
John 2:6-7—water-pots full to the brim.

CONCLUSION

“He is All I Need.” He is all any sheep needs.

He is all any shepherd needs.

For ***HE IS THE DOOR***