

## **I AM THE DOOR**

### **John 10:1-10**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. Just after the Feast of Tabernacles.
  - 1. Jesus' claim to be "the light of the world," 8:12.
  - 2. Jesus healed the blind man, ch. 9.
  - 3. Pharisees cast healed man out of the synagogue, 9:34.
    - a. Cast him out because of spite.
    - b. Perhaps because of his belief in Christ.
  - 4. Jesus accuses the Pharisees of blindness, vss. 35, 41.
- B. Specifics:
  - 1. The last public address recorded by John.
  - 2. It is separated from chap. 9 by the words, "*Truly, truly,...*"
  - 3. The audience included the apostles, the blind man (seeing), Pharisees and other Jews, all familiar with shepherding.
- C. The Good Shepherd and the Door.
  - 1. Jesus tells the story (parable) of the sheep and the sheepfold, vss. 1-5.
  - 2. Those listening did not understand the story, vs. 6.
  - 3. Jesus tells the story again, vss. 7-18.
- D. Scathing rebuke to the Pharisees.
  - 1. Reference to thief and robber, vs. 8.
    - a. Thief, selfishly seeking his own ends, but avoiding detection (Judas, Jn. 12:6).
    - b. Robber, one who plunders openly and by violence (Barrabas, Jn. 18:40).
    - c. Pharisees would fit both descriptions, especially with the crucifixion of Christ.
  - 2. Words that had been used before:
    - a. Jer. 23:1-2
    - b. Eze. 34:2-5, 17-22
    - c. Mt. 23:13

#### **I. PURPOSE OF A DOOR.**

- A. What is the Purpose of a Door?
  - 1. In those days, the shepherd would actually sleep in the doorway.
  - 2. A means for entrance into a room or building.
  - 3. A means of securing one's possessions.
  - 4. A means of personal safety and security.
- B. Jesus, the Door.
  - 1. Entrance into the house of God, Acts 2:38, 47.
  - 2. If in the house, we are children of God, Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 2:19-22.
  - 3. If God's children, then God's heirs and joint heirs with Jesus, Rom. 8:14-17.
  - 4. Access to all spiritual blessings, Eph. 1:3.
  - 5. Gives access to the Father, Eph. 2:18.

#### **II. RESULTS OF ENTERING THE DOOR.**

- A. We Are Saved, John 10:9.
  - 1. Immediate salvation:

- a. Deliverance from the power and spiritual consequences of past sins, Eph. 2:1-5.
- b. Forgiveness of sins and the guilt of sin is removed, Eph. 1:7.
- c. Salvation, redemption or freedom from the law of sin, Rom. 8:1-2.
- d. Justification, God pronounces pardon, Rom. 3:22-24.
- 2. Eternal life, Jn. 3:16.
  - a. Fulness of eternal life yet to be revealed, 1 Pet. 1:3-5.
  - b. Eternal life involves glory, honor, and immortality, Rom. 2:7.
- B. Find Pasture (Spiritual nourishment). Ps. 23:1-3
  - 1. Feed on His Word, 1 Pet. 2:2-3; Acts 20:32.
  - 2. Communion and fellowship with Christ, 1 Cor. 11:25-26.
  - 3. With us in times of loneliness and trials, Heb. 13:5-6; 4:15-16.
- C. We Find Life, Jn. 10:10.
  - 1. Earthly existence that now has meaning.
  - 2. We live a life filled with peace and joy and hope in eternal life to come.
    - a. Rom. 5:2
    - b. Col. 1:20
    - c. Jn. 16:22, 33
  - 3. We have a superabundance of life, 1 Jn. 4:9; Jn. 10:10.

### **III. PREDICAMENT OF THOSE WHO DO NOT ENTER (*Choice*).**

- A. Reject the Door.
  - 1. Deny the blessings of salvation now.
  - 2. Forfeit all claims to eternal life.
- B. Relegate themselves to a state of spiritual death, Eph. 2:1-4.
  - 1. Judge themselves unworthy of eternal life, Acts 13:46.
  - 2. As they did in Noah's day, when only 8 were saved.
    - a. 1 Pet. 3:20
    - b. 2 Pet. 2:5