

I AM The Door – John 10:1-10

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Introduction

1. Jesus is the Great I AM! As Jesus sets another picture before us we see that He leaves us an anchor for our faith, hope and salvation. As we study and absorb the character of Jesus we learn how to become like Him.
2. Jesus wants us to identify with sheep and the good shepherd in John 10. We should realize we are those sheep and learn from Jesus how to be led by Him...

Identifying With Sheep

1. From the book called “Australia’s Official Guide To Sheep Rearing” we find advantages and disadvantages about sheep rearing...
 - a. Advantages: Herding instinct (they stay together), reproduction (grow quickly), obedience (can be taught to obey)
 - b. Disadvantages: Do not adapt well outside of norm environment, they can’t survive without adequate food, they are fragile, naturally defenseless, they are susceptible to parasites, they must be watched continually, they need protection at night and they are short sighted (can only see six feet ahead).
 - c. Though I’m offended it is true I am a sheep and I need the Great Shepherd!

The Shepherd & His Sheep

2. Jesus draws us a picture of two kinds of sheepfolds one in villages and one in the countryside (v1-5).
3. Jesus has called us to follow Him. For we who are His sheep hear his voice and follow. In verse 4 once He has called us the shepherd leads us with His voice. This means the shepherd talks and sings to us and we follow only Him (v5).

Jesus Is The Door/Gate

4. Since the Pharisees and disciples could not understand what Jesus was teaching Jesus in v7 plainly applies this to Himself. Jesus says I AM the door! Through Him alone we find access to God, to life and salvation!
 - a. Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 10:20; 1 Peter 4:9
 - b. Jesus has called us out of the world into Himself to lead us away from sin, death and many dangers.
5. Jesus calls because He has a way to go. In v8-9 God call us to His pasture... (Deuteronomy 28:6; Psalm 121:8; Psalm 23:1-3).
 - a. Jesus has called us to be His, to trust Him to know Him.
6. Jesus protects us from those that would destroy us (v10). Satan attacks us leading us to sin, to fall, to get hurt. Jesus wants to heal us, comfort us and lead us to safety.
7. Jesus leads us through life by showing us how to walk as He walked. (Romans 8:28-30)
8. Jesus gives us life and more abundantly. Jesus wants us to have a life full of His grace, love and protection.
 - a. How can I have this life? It is no secret! Be sheep and hear and listen to the Word and Obey!
 - b. The Challenge: Psalm 84:10 Spend every day with Jesus and share that blessing with others
 - c. Do you want to be close to God? Want to be in His presence? Hebrews 10:19-22 Jesus is the door!
 - d. What do you need to do to get there? Obey the gospel? Repent of sins? Forgive someone?