

I am the door

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Introduction

1. John 10:1-10
2. Shepherd used as an illustration prominently in the OT. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, children of Israel, Moses, David and Amos
3. The sheep know the shepherds voice, other may try and steal but they know the shepherds voice.
4. The sheep fold was a rock walled structure with bushes or thorns on top with the shepherd across the door, he was literally the door.
5. The door is the point the Lord is emphasizing in these first 10 verse there are lessons to learn for this illustration.

II Discussion

A. Jesus is the only door

1. Jesus is the only door. John 14:6 Hebrews 7:25; Acts 4:12; Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 1:20-21; Acts 2:36-42, 47
2. Jesus is the only access to the blessings which God provides for His sheep. John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 1:3
3. Jesus' offer to the sheep.
 - a. It is to any sheep. Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17
 - b. Salvation, protection, James 4:7-8; food Matthew 4:4; John 6:35; and water John 4:10,14, 7:38
 - c. The sheep must enter in to receive the blessings. Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27

B. There are false teachers claiming to be the Christ.

1. False teachers were rebuked by Jesus and His apostles. Matthew 23:14, 24, 33; 3:7; 2 Corinthians 11:13; 2 Peter 2:17; Jude 12, 13
2. The way to find if they are false prophets. Matthew 7:15-20; 1 John 4:1
3. False teachers: Mohammed, Sun Myung Moon, Hebert W. Armstrong, Joseph Smith, Luther, Calvin, Wesley's, Ellen G. White, and Mary Baker Eddy.
4. Some of the false teaching: Pray through, altar call, voted in, sprinkling or pouring, immersion for the wrong reason,

III Conclusion

1. By knowing who is the real door and who is not a decision can be made as to which door to enter.
2. It is now time for you to make the decision which door you will enter and enter that door.
3. What will you do?

Sources: Show us the Father and the Gospel of John lectureship of Garfield Heights in IN.