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*John 10:9*

**INTRODUCTION**

As followers of Christ, we have an all-access pass to the presence and power of God. The image of a door or gate that is described in today's key verse is not the same as a door in your house with hinges and a handle to open and close them and lock them for security. No, this door is a stone enclosure or gate that provided access to the entrance of a stockade where sheep were kept. A shepherd would sit at the opening of the entrance to allow sheep to come in and go out. Jesus here is appropriating that metaphor to describe the way that His care and constant devotion to those who belong to Him gives them access to greater things in life. Jesus is saying that in order to experience the blessings and benefits that are available from the shepherd, His sheep must go through Him as the door. It is an invitation to experience something that they could not experience any place else: comfort in a world of discomfort, peace in a world at war. So as we dive into this message, let's look at what happens when we walk through the door Jesus is talking about.

**KEY POINTS**

**1. Through Him We Gain Access To Godly Solutions**

Jesus was showing them then and us now that He had the answers to the problems they wanted to be solved and the keys that gave them access to the Kingdom. If you want a better life, if you want to live healthier, if you want to experience prosperity and achieve your greatest dreams, come through the door. If you put Jesus first in your life, if you seek His will, and follow His example, you too can find practical answers and godly solutions to the problems you face.

**2. Through Him We Gain Access To Safety**

One of the reasons the shepherd sat at the entrance of the door was to keep watch over the sheep and to prohibit predators from gaining access to His flock. The only way a predator could get inside was to pass by the shepherd. The only way.... Jesus is presenting himself as the one who guards and protects us as His sheep.

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Sheep are perhaps the most helpless of all domesticated animals. Sheep are not only vulnerable and defenseless, but they are attractive hosts for pests and parasites. Their wool is a desirable place for leeches to come and suck their blood. And so, the shepherd has to ensure that the sheep are kept clean and that they are well-groomed so that bloodsuckers don't sap them of their life.

So the shepherd provides a place where the sheep can find safety and security from anything or anyone that would try to rob them of the peace, comfort, and tranquility they should have. When you come through Jesus as the door, you can rest assured in the safety that Jesus provides.

### **3. Through Him We Gain Access To Divine Strength**

By coming through the gate, the sheep are made strong, they become healthy, and they are made whole. This is why Jesus says in the text, "I am the door, whoever comes in by me...will come in and go out and find pasture." When the sheep come through the door, they are saved and protected from threats on the outside, but they also obtain rest and strength in green pastures on the inside. The point is that when Jesus is made the center and the priority of your life, you will find the nurture and the nourishment that you need. Life in Christ ought to be a place where you are fed, and when you are fed, you become strong, and when you become strong you grow.

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### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What is one area of your life where you need a godly solution? Have you sought wisdom from the Lord and asked Him to help you solve this problem or issue?
2. When was a time the Lord made you feel safe? How did that experience compare to when you didn't seek safety in Christ?
3. How has the Lord strengthened you recently in your walk with Him?

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