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Jesus' I Am Sayings – Lesson 10 “I am the Door”

Intro

John 10:1-10 *“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

Truly, truly ... Let's establish some truths

We have 1 figure of speech/parable that Jesus speaks about from 2 different perspectives. Perspective 1 is addressing the current condition of the sheepfold and how people have been treating the sheep. Perspective 2 is declaring that Jesus himself is the correct way to understand the sheepfold and how the sheep will respond as He is establishing His sheepfold.

Perspective #1

- ❖ **How you approach the sheepfold matters**
 - Climbing in some other way = thief & robber
 - Entering by the door
 - Known by the door keeper
 - Known by the sheep

❖ **The current condition of the sheepfold is wrong**

- Who is Jesus speaking to? - **John 9:35-41 & 10:19-21**
- What is the sheepfold Jesus speaks of?
 - Judaism
 - The leaders of today – as a whole system
 - All who came before me
 - False claims to be the messiah
 - Thieves & robbers

Perspective #2

❖ I am the Door

- Understanding the OT in light of Jesus
 - Narrative

The Old Testament may be likened to a chamber richly furnished but dimly lighted; the introduction of light brings into it nothing which was not in it before; but it brings out into clearer view much of what is in it but was only dimly or even not at all perceived before. The mystery of the Trinity is not revealed in the Old Testament; but the mystery of the Trinity underlies the Old Testament revelation, and here and there almost comes into view. Thus, the Old Testament revelation of God is not corrected by the fuller revelation which follows it, but only perfected, extended and enlarged.

B B Warfield, **Biblical Doctrines**, 141-42.

- People
 - They were not the One
 - They were types and shadows
 - Don't form your belief system around one of them

❖ Jesus's sheepfold

- They will be saved
- They will go in and out
- They will have life & have it abundantly