

ONLY ONE DOOR TO SALVATION

This is the second of three lessons based on the two Truly, Truly sayings of John Ch.10.

- (Jn.10:1-6)
- (Jn.10:7-10)
- (Jn.10:11-21)

In our first lesson, we learned that that two Truly, Truly sayings were the results of the healing of the blind man on the Sabbath of (Jn.9:1-3, 34, 41).

Question: "The Pharisees were saying to Him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?'" (Mark 2:4 3)

Answer: "Jesus said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'" (Mark 2:27-28; Col.2:16; Gen.2:1-3)

Remember that (Jn.10:1-21) is based on a figure of speech called **paroimia**. It compares two parallel issues with the messianic doctrine hidden to **negative volition** (NV) but revealed to **positive volition** (PV).

Note the Pharisees NV view (thieves and robbers of sheep) contrasted with Jesus' PV view (true shepherd of sheep).

The healed blind man became the test case of volition (NV or PV) (Jn.9).

- (Jn.9:25) "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."
- (Jn.9:36) "Lord, I believe. And he worshiped Him."
- (Jn.9:39-41) Pharisees

This lesson will study four aspects of Only One Door of Salvation.

1. In John Ch.10, two Truly, Truly sayings are given with one messianic doctrinal principle – "Jesus Christ is the Only Source of God's Grace Salvation."

(Jn.10:7) "I am the door of the sheep." (Jn.14:6)

(Jn.10:11) "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

God sent His Son, Jesus to Israel to seek and to save the lost sheep of Israel (Luke 15:4-7; 19:10)

(Matt.15:24) "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Jesus sent His disciples to the lost sheep of Israel and also to Gentiles (Matt.10:5-6; Jn.10:16; Jn.11:51-52; Jn.17:20; Acts 10:34-36; Eph.2:13-16).

2. In John 10:1-6, Jesus taught that there was only one door into the sheepfold.

However, the enemy tries to sell any other way than Jesus Christ (DOOR) to get to the sheep to do harm. (Jn.10:7) “I am the door of the sheep.”

- **Enemy of sheep:** “He who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and robber.”
 - (Jn.10:1) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
 - (Jn.10:10a) The sheep flee (Jn.10:5).
- **Shepherd of sheep:** “He who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.” (Jn.10:2)
- **Savior of sheep:** “I am the door of the sheep.” (Jn.10:7, 9)
 - (Jn.10:10b) I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly
 - (Jn.10:4) The sheep follow

The Messiah was prophesied to be the Shepherd of the sheep of Israel (Isa.40:11; **Ezek.34:11-16**; Heb.13:20-21).

(Jn.1:11-12) “He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to **those who believe** in His name.” (Jn.10:16)

3. Jesus explains five things everyone receives by entering the Only One Door of Salvation.

(Jn.10:9-10) “**I am the door; if (3cc) [choice] anyone enters through Me,**

- (1) he will be saved (sozo/ f.p.ind), and
- (2) go in (eiserchomai/ f.m.ind.) and out (exerchomai/ f.m.ind) and
- (3) find (heurisko/ f.a.ind) pasture. I came **that** they
- (4) may have (echo/ p.a.subj) life (zoe), and
- (5) have(echo/ p.a.subj) it abundantly (perissos).”

4. Twice Jesus said He was the Only One Door of entrance into the sheepfold (Jn.10:7-8) and (Jn.10:9-10).

Notice the word **again** (palin) in (Jn.10:7) refers back to (Jn.10:1-2).

Two different groups came before Jesus during His earthly ministry.

- One group wouldn't enter by the door (NV) [Pharisees].
- Other group entered through Christ, the Door and was saved (PV) [healed blind man].

Sheep decide who is their shepherd (they hear and know His voice and follow).

The Shepherd leads His sheep in and out into the pasture of abundant divine life (Jn.10:4, 9-10).

Note the two sides to the DOOR (in and out). “And will go in and out to find pasture.”

Sheep were not typically fed in the sheep pen. They had to be led to be fed (Ps.23; Phil.4:19).