

John 10:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Analysis

Christ repeats 'I am the door' for emphasis, adding explanation: entrance through Him brings salvation (spiritual security), free access ('go in and out'), and provision ('find pasture'). The three-fold blessing mirrors the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:24-26). Going 'in and out' suggests freedom and security—sheep don't fear entering/leaving when the True Shepherd guards them. This contrasts with the false shepherds (Pharisees) who bring bondage, not freedom.

Historical Context

The phrase 'go in and out' was a Hebrew idiom for living freely and securely (Deuteronomy 28:6; Psalm 121:8). First-century Jews under Roman occupation would appreciate the promise of true freedom through the Good Shepherd.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How have you experienced the salvation, freedom, and provision Christ promises as the Door?

2. What false 'doors' do people trust for spiritual security?

Interlinear Text

ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ θύρα· δι' ἐμοῦ ἐάν τις εἰσελεύσεται
I am the door by me if any man enter in
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σωθήσεται καὶ εἰσελεύσεται καὶ ἐξελεύσεται καὶ νομὴν
he shall be saved and enter in and out and pasture
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Additional Cross-References

John 14:6 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Ephesians 2:18 (Parallel theme): For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

John 10:7 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

John 10:1 (Parallel theme): Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Psalms 95:7 (Parallel theme): For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

Isaiah 40:11 (Parallel theme): He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Zechariah 10:12 (Parallel theme): And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

