

The Door for the Sheep

HOLY BIBLE SCRIPTURE: JOHN 10:7

I. Definition of “Door”--

a movable, usually solid, barrier for opening and closing an entranceway, cupboard, cabinet, or the like, commonly turning on hinges or sliding in grooves; a doorway; the building, house, etc., to which a door belongs; any means of approach, admittance, or access; any gateway marking an entrance or exit from one place or state to another (www.dictionary.com).

II. Purpose and Materials makeup of doors in Holy Bible times---

- Covering over an entrance into a tent (Genesis 18:1).
- A permanent house (Judges 19:22).
- A Public building (Ezekiel 47:1).
- Materials used in Bible times:
 - Animal hides.
 - Wood.
 - Metal.
 - Variety of materials.

“Door”---Genesis 18:2, Genesis 18:10; Exodus 26:36; Exodus 29:4, 11, 32, 42; Exodus 33: 8-10; Exodus 35:15; Exodus 40:6, 12, 28-29.

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Most commonly the rendering of Hebrew pethach, "doorway," deleth, "door" proper (the two distinguished in Genesis 19:6), or of Greek thura, which represents both meanings. The door proper was usually of wood, frequently sheeted with metal, sometimes of one slab of stone, as shown in excavations in the Hauran. It turned on pivots (the "hinges" of Proverbs 26:14) working in sockets above and below, and was provided with a bolt (2Samuel 13:17) or with lock and key (Jude 3:23). The doorway was enclosed by the stone threshold (1Kings 14:17), the two doorposts on either side, and the lintel above (Exodus 12:7). Doors were frequently two-leaved, and folding ones are mentioned in connection with the temple (1Kings 6:34). Where "door" is used in connection with city gates (Nehemiah 3:1 ff) it refers to the door proper which swings on its hinges as distinguished from the whole structure. The custom of fastening to the doorposts small cases containing a parchment inscribed with the words of (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:13-21) had its origin in the command there given. Written by Benjamin Reno Downer

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III. Jesus is the “Door”---

1. Jesus Christ is the Door (John 10:9).
2. Jesus Christ will bring and impel other sheep, not of this fold (John 10:16).
3. Jesus will recognize His own (sheep) (John 10:14).
4. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11).
Definition of “*Shepherd*”: a person who herds, tends, and guards sheep.; a person who protects, guides, or watches over a person or group of people.; a member of the clergy.; to tend or guard as a shepherd: to shepherd the flock.; to watch over carefully (www.dictionary.com).

IV. How to walk to and through the Door---

1. Repent-turn away from following and practicing sinful acts and actions; Matthew 3:1, 2 [John preached Repent]; Matthew 4:17 [Jesus preached Repent]; Mark 6:12 [Jesus' disciples preached Repent]; Acts 2:38 [Peter preached Repent].
2. Ask the LORD God in the name of Jesus Christ forgiveness of all your sins, even unknown and unaware sins, and help give you Holy Spirit strength to turn away from doing and saying anything that displeases Him (Revelation 1:5); (1 John 1:9); (1 John 2:2).
3. Ask the LORD God in the name of Jesus Christ to give you Godly discernment and wisdom to live this life on the earth (Colossians 1:28); (James 1:5); (Colossians 3:16); (Proverbs 2:6, 7).
4. Ask the LORD God in the name of Jesus Christ to help you to forgive others and live and show the love of God (Luke 17:4); (Luke 6:37); (Mark 11:16, 26); (2 Thessalonians 3:).
5. Ask the LORD God in the name of Jesus Christ to guide your tongue to talk, feet to walk, and mind to think, and also what liquids and foods to drink (Job 27:4); (Psalm 34:13); (Proverbs 15:2, 4); (1 Chronicles 28:9); (Matthew 22:37); (Luke 10:27); (Acts 20:17-21); (Genesis 3:18); (Revelation 2:14, 20); (Revelation 2:17).
6. As Christians we no longer own ourselves, but we are own by and belong to the LORD God Jesus Christ as His clay vessels to honor and glorify Him in body, mind, soul, and spirit (1 Timothy 1:9); (1 Corinthians 6:20); (1 Corinthians 7:23).
7. Reading and meditating on God's Word, Holy Bible, will give you good success in His eyes (Joshua 1:8); (Psalm 118:24-26).
8. As true Christians we have the Holy Spirit to teach, comfort and direct us into the ways of Almighty God LORD Jesus Christ (Luke 4:1); (Ephesians 4:30); (1 Thessalonians 4:8); (Luke 1:35, 41, 67); (Luke 12:12); (Acts 7:55); (Acts 10:43-45).
9. Must enter through Jesus Christ, if climbs up another way is a thief and robber (John 10:1)
10. Enter the door into the sheepfold (John 10:2).

V. Sheep will not find Door if a person is sinful, unrepentant, and practicing wickedness and iniquity in his or her life---

1. Cain---Genesis 4:7.
2. Lot closed door---Genesis 19:6.
3. Evil wickedness---Genesis 19:9.
4. Men closed door---Genesis 19:10.
5. Blindness when door closed---Genesis 19:11.

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**The Almighty God Adonai Yahweh El Elyon ELOHIM Jehovah,
uses the “Door”, which is Son of Man, Son of God, Jesus Christ for both judgment and salvation.**

Door = Judgment / Death	Door = Salvation / Life
Genesis 4:7	Exodus 12:22, 23
Genesis 19:6	Exodus 12:7
Genesis 19:9-11	Numbers 10:1-3
Numbers 11:10	2 Kings 4:4-7
Numbers 16:19-35	1 Chronicles 22:3
Judges 9:52	2 Chronicles 4:9, 22
1 Samuel 2:22	2 Chronicles 29:3
2 Chronicles 29:6-8	Nehemiah 3:1, 3
Isaiah 26:20	Job 31:31-32
Ezekiel 8:6-17	Psalm 78:23
Ezekiel 10:18-20	Psalm 141:3
Ezekiel 11:1-3	Proverbs 8:34
Ezekiel 33:29-31	Isaiah 26:20
Zechariah 11:1-3	Micah 7:5
Malachi 1:6-14	Matthew 6:6
Matthew 25:10	Matthew 24:33
John 10:1	Mark 1:32
John 18:15-17 (Peter is outside the door when denying Jesus Christ).	Mark 13:29
James 5:9	John 10:2, 3, 7, 9
<p>The LORD God Almighty sent His Son, Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah to save and redeem lost souls (Matthew 18:11; Luke 19:19); and He stands at the door knocking (Revelation 3:20). Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah knocks on our “door” in many ways by using finances, family, friends, and even our foes to get our attention and draw us toward Him (John 6:44). He desires for us to repent of our sins, ask Him forgiveness for all our sins, have a dedicated, determined, and devoted intimate relationship with Him, and through His Word the Holy Bible learn to live a Holy life pleasing to Him and come into His Kingdom (1 Thessalonians 2:12).</p>	John 20:19, 26
	Acts 5:19
	Acts 12:16
	Acts 14:27
	Acts 16:26, 27 (Keeper of the prison thought opened prison doors was his death, but God's open Door (Jesus Christ) was a way to salvation for him)
	1 Corinthians 16:8-10
	2 Corinthians 2:12
	Colossians 4:3
	Revelation 3:8
	Revelation 4:1